

JERUSALEM IN THE QUR'AN

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PREFACE

To the Internet Edition

Since the eminent psychologist, Professor Malik Badri wrote his Foreword to the 2nd edition of this book, during Ramadhan 1423 (November 2002), more momentous events have taken place. Notably we have witnessed the invasion of Iraq, in the heartland of the Muslim world and historical capital of the Abbasid Caliphate.

Evidence continues to be made public indicating that the reasons for this illegal invasion were largely mere fabrications and lies: no Weapons of Mass Destruction; no link with Al-Qaeda, ... and now no democracy with elected representatives as promised, but an American imperial occupation of a formerly independent Muslim country.

However the occupation has exhilarated the Israeli Zionists, since they have stabilised their borders and prepared for the next phase of the softening up of Iraq for eventual Israeli domination through its proxy, the US, who plan to build permanent military bases on Iraqi soil. At the same time, the International Financiers, the US military-industrial complex, and other capitalist establishment groups are happily being fed with gigantic development contracts.

Meanwhile the US has a free guzzle of Iraq's oil resources, soon to be placed in hock to pay off mountainous debts caused by a planned usurious approach (may Allah prevent it) to the rebuilding of Iraq's infrastructure, intentionally destroyed by the invading forces. Their objective now is to get Iraq into a grinding national pattern of debt that will lock it into the hidden control of the International Financiers, as has happened to another successfully Israeli-dominated Muslim state, modern Turkey.

Developments in the World today show more clearly than ever that events and declared stratagems of certain groups are bringing the world into overlap with the predictions contained in the *ahaadith* of our beloved Prophet Muhammed (p.b.u.h), regarding the end period of the World. The present and the predicted are merging together as one, in what is becoming an ever clearer pattern for discerning minds, that we are all, willingly or unwillingly, part of Allah's Divine Plan for the Final Scene currently "showing" before our very eyes here on earth.

As Sheikh Imran has stated, this book could not have been written until this era, since it is only over the past few years that the concealed plans of the Jews have come so clearly into view that few can doubt that there is a Jewish plan for world domination.

As Henry Ford, the father of the modern automobile, commented in 1921 about the amazing "Protocols of the Elders of Zion", whose veracity has been challenged by the Jews, "that they fit in with what is going on...They have fitted the world situation up to this time. They fit now." Such comments would be even more fitting today.

Oppression against world humanity, with the main focus on Muslims...in Palestine, Bosnia, Chechnya, Kashmir, Albania and now the Arab heartland, has been building

and is now spreading to such an extent, that one can be confident that Muslims are the main target. The positioning of the US military on Iraqi Muslim soil is intended to consolidate the US-Israeli position in their campaign against Muslims and Muslim States.

Unfortunately, the type of uncoordinated response from some oppressed Muslims involving, in too many cases, attacks against uninvolving civilians and children not responsible for the oppression, has blurred the view of world opinion, with many turning away from the fact that the Muslims are the main targets of the oppression. In fact, such response has been used, often successfully, to demonstrate that it is the Jews, themselves, who are the victims.

It is of great benefit, therefore, that Sheikh Imran Hosein's scholarship has made it possible for the message of this age to be witnessed. Muslims and enlightened non-Muslims can only wonder, overawed by the veracity of the Qur'an and the *ahaadith* in foretelling these events. Thus it is with gratitude that we turn to Sheikh Imran for his penetrating analysis of these sources and their application to present-day happenings.

Thinkers can no longer be accused of falsely believing conspiracy theories of a Zionist or Jewish plot for domination of the Middle East and the world. These plans are acknowledged by US and British journalists and the Conspirators themselves (e.g. the so-called 'neo-Cons') in published documents (e.g. their "Plan for the New American Century"). 'Con' is an apt term for these 'plotters' since they weave their web with lies and deceit.

Sheikh Imran points out in masterful fashion, that Israel is just using the US and may eventually bring about its downfall, most probably by a strike on the international standing of the US paper dollar, which will shatter confidence in the national currency reserves of countries, and in international share markets. The international banking system will then come more and more under control of the International Financiers and their cohorts.

The breadth and depth of Sheikh Imran's analysis is shown in the elucidation of the following key issues:

- How the Jews themselves are deceiving and being themselves willingly deceived into believing that their 'return' to the Holy Land is part of God's favour on them, whereas His promise for the inhabitants of Palestine is for His true believing servants only
- The misguidance of Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, and his followers
- The key roles of the Sephardic Jews on the one hand (descendents of Prophet Isaac, peace be upon him), and the Jews of European origin on the other
- The identity and the relationship of Gog and Magog, noted biblically and Qur'anicly, in connection with the world order and future events

- The scenario of events leading up to and following the birth of the False Messiah, the Dajjaal
- Tracing the movement of Dajjaal between the historical, current (and future) superpowers, over time and in different spatial ‘dimensions’
- Two key areas for Muslims to be aware of and avoid: (1) Usurious transactions (*Riba*), and (2) Support for secular government (*Shirk*), and
- A Plan for enlightened Muslims to prepare and work for the future to anticipate the unfolding of the predicted events.

Some of Sheikh Imran's views are his personal views and explanations, based however, on a broad scholarship and Islamic intuitive thinking. They are not all written in stone and are subject to verification by events. As Sheikh Imran has repeatedly stated in the book, he is prepared to follow a different viewpoint *if* it is found to be a better and more correct explanation of the source materials.

This Edition of the book has been condensed from the 2nd Edition, reviewed and specially prepared for distribution on the Internet. We hope it may thereby reach a wider audience of thoughtful Muslims insha'Allah. We point out to readers that the Arabic text of the verses of the Qur'an have been removed from this Internet edition. Kindly note that the only Qur'an is the Arabic Qur'an. Consequently, the English translations of the Qur'anic verses in our text cannot be taken as being the Qur'an itself.

May Allah Ta'ala reward Sheikh Imran for his elucidation of this critical subject for all enlightened readers, Muslims as well as non-Muslims.

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FOREWORD

Jerusalem in the Qur'an is a great book that thrilled and delighted me in a number of ways. I am surprised that such a meticulously documented book had to wait for such a long time before seeing the light. It is now more than half a century since the Zionists began their appalling oppression and ethnic cleansing of the Palestinian people whose only offense is that they happened to live in a country considered by the Jews to be their promised holy land.

The Zionists have continuously referred to distorted scriptures from the Torah and other Biblical material to justify their atrocious behavior and to motivate the Jews to establish a State of Israel that extends from the Nile to the Euphrates with Jerusalem as its capital. For example, David Ben Gurion, the first Prime Minister of Israel, is quoted to have said, “The Bible is our deed to the land of Israel”. Muslim scholars, on the other hand, have largely failed in refuting Zionist claims from authenticated historical and religious sources and have also failed to accomplish their religious responsibility in clearly documenting this question from the Holy Qur'an and the Blessed *Ahadith* of our beloved Prophet (PBUH). As far as I know, whatever is written on this subject is rather superficial and emotionally tainted or simply stating facts in a cool manner. May Allah Ta'ala reward Brother Imran Hosein for writing this scholarly document, which will indeed fill up this intellectual and religious gap and serve as an academic reference to Muslims in all parts of the world. As I write this introduction, this book that was published only this year is already being translated to Arabic and Bosnian. In a short time it will be rendered into other European languages and to all the other tongues of the Islamic world.

It must be reported however that the importance of writing a book about the Holy Land in the Qur'an have not escaped the vision of far-sighted and creative Muslim thinkers such as Dr. Kalim Siddiqui, Founder-President of the Muslim Institute for Research and Planning, and Professor *shaheed* Ismail Al-Faruqi. I am surprised at the vision of the former scholar who asked Imran Hosein to write this book as early as 1974. He urged him saying that Jerusalem is the key to understanding the historical process of the Middle East and the world at large. *Shaikh* Imran successfully accomplished this task after 27 years. Though seemingly late, but it has come at the right time in which the whole world is being shocked by Jenin and what happened in Sabra and Shatila.

Ismail Al-Faruqi actually put this issue in writing in his book, “*Islam and the Problem of Israel*” that the author referred to. He strongly stated that Israel poses a greater danger to Muslims than the Euro-Christian Crusades of the Middle Ages or the Euro-Colonialism of modern times. “Israel”, he wrote, “is neither of these, but that it is both and more, much more”. He therefore urged Arabs and Muslims not to accept the Jewish State as an integral part of the world nations of Asia and Africa. He also incited Muslim scholars to investigate this issue in depth. I am sure that if both of these great Muslim thinkers were alive, they would have acclaimed this classic book as what they have aspired for.

I am amazed by Imran's style of writing. Though *Jerusalem in the Qur'an*, is a meticulously written thesis combining religious and historical documents with recent

political events and penetrating interpretations from the Qur'an and *Hadith*, it runs like a story. Once you begin reading it, it is hard to stop. This is the general quality of a novel. The person would read it once and throw the book away - but not that of a serious thought-provoking dissertation like the book that Brother *Shaikh* Imran published. It is a reference that one needs to keep and reread whenever the subject is to be researched. I believe that this eloquence of the *Shaikh* must be the result of a natural gift that has interacted with his indefatigable work as a preacher and *da'iyyah* and the Divine Blessings for his sincerity.

Finally, in spite of the seemingly depressing situation of the Muslims in general and the Palestinians in particular, reading the book would certainly give one a warm surge of optimism about our future; a bright light that shines at the end of our long dark tunnel of history. We are living at the end of time. This is the age in which the prophesies of the Holy Qur'an and the Blessed *Hadith* are unfolding right before our very eyes to prove to humanity the truthfulness of our faith.

Exactly as our Prophet told us, we have seen the barefooted-poor shepherds of sheep and goats in the Arab Peninsula competing with each other in building higher and higher skyscrapers. And we have witnessed the Muslims exploding in numbers but weakening in character and subdued by their love of this *dunyah* and their fear of death thus confirming the authenticated *Hadith*. And exactly as our Prophet told us, the strong enemies of Islam are now devouring our countries as though they were a hungry group invited to a large cauldron of food. And as Allah *Ta'ala* Himself told us in his Revealed Holy Qur'an, the Children of Israel, who had been scattered all over the earth during their Diaspora, have returned to the Holy Land. And as recorded in the Qur'an, they have indeed committed much corruption and have become powerful and elated with mighty arrogance.

Just as we have seen these incidents as though we were watching a horror movie, we will indeed see its imminent happy ending that was prophesized to us in the Qur'an and the Sayings of our Prophet. The Muslims will wake up from their slumber and the Jews will receive their promised Divine punishment. The Zionist State will be destroyed and whatever they have built will be raised to the ground.

The book gives a detailed beautifully written exposition of these episodes with brilliant interpretations from the Holy Qur'an and *Sunnah*. Though some may differ with him with respect to his interpretations of some of the Qur'anic Verses or the Blessed Prophetic sayings, no one would fail to appreciate his penetrative thought and his spiritual depth. I therefore recommend the book very much to scholars and laity.

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PART ONE

Chapter 1

INTRODUCTION

“Proofs have now come to you from your Lord. If any is capable of seeing (and recognizing them) it will be for (the good of) his own soul. And if any is blind (to them) it will be to his own harm. And I am not here to watch over you.”

(Qur'an, al-An'am 6:104)

The Qur'an Explains All Things – Including the Destiny of Jerusalem

The *Qur'an* has declared that its primary function is to *explain all things*:

“.... And We have sent down to thee (O Muhammad) the Book (i.e., the Qur'an) which explains all things...”

(*Qur'an, al-Nahl, 16:89*)

Since the *Qur'an* has made the above declaration the implication is that it must be capable of explaining that strangest, most mysterious and most inexplicable of all events ever to have occurred in the entire history of mankind, an event that is still unfolding but has already witnessed the following:

- The final success of an essentially godless (secular) Europe in ‘liberating’ the Holy Land in 1917-8, this being achieved after a sustained Euro-Christian effort which had commenced almost 1000 years earlier with the Crusades.

[Why would a secularized and essentially godless Europe choose to persist in pursuing Christian Europe's 1000 year-old obsession of liberating the Holy Land? And why would European Christians, having embraced Christianity

more than 1000 years ago, be the *only* Christians who would ever be *obsessed* with desire to liberate the Holy Land?]

- The Euro-Jewish success in restoring the ancient State of Israel after it was destroyed by Allah Most High more than 2000 years ago - this success was made possible through the active assistance extended by the same secular Europe.

[Why would a secular Europe be so *obsessed* with assisting Euro-Jews in the restoration of a religious State founded more than 2000 years earlier by Prophets David and Solomon? And why would Euro-Jews be the *only* Jews *obsessed* with desire to restore the State of Israel?]

- The return of the Israelite Jews (i.e., the non-European Jews) to the Holy Land after they had been expelled from that Holy Land by Allah Most High and had lived for 2000 years in a strangely scattered Diaspora; the European Jews brought the Israelite Jews back to the Holy Land but did not themselves ‘return’ to the Holy Land since they were never there at anytime before - they simply settled in the Holy Land.

[Why would a European people convert to Judaism and then be *obsessed* with the mission of liberating the Holy Land and bringing the Israelite Jews back to that Holy Land ‘by hook or by crook’?]

All of these things, which appear so strange and baffling to the world, appear to most Jews to validate the Jewish claim to Truth. This is so since they appear to fulfill the divine promise made to the Jews that Allah Most High would send to them a Prophet, who would be known as the Messiah (Arabic: *al-Masih*), and who would deliver to them all of the above and even more.

This book argues that the *Qur'an* not only explains these strange events but it also goes on to reveal the final destiny of Jerusalem. The *Qur'an* reveals a destiny that exposes the falsehood of that Jewish claim to Truth (above) and confirms the Truth that came with Prophet Muhammad (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*). That destiny will witness such Jews being punished by Allah Most High with the greatest divine punishment ever inflicted in history.

At the very heart of the Qur'anic view of the destiny of Jerusalem, and of the Holy Land, is the declaration that when the final count-down in the Last Age arrives Jews would be gathered from the Diaspora in which they were broken up and dispersed, and to which they had been consigned, and would be brought back to the Holy Land as a ‘mingled crowd’ (*Qur'an, Banu Israil, 17:104*). That Divine promise has already been fulfilled. Jews have already returned to the Holy Land and reclaimed it! Their success has led such Jews to believe in the religious legitimacy of the State of Israel that they created. Islam explains that this Israel possesses no religious legitimacy. Rather, those Jews were deceived in the greatest act of deception history has ever witnessed, and the stage is now set for them to receive the greatest Divine punishment ever inflicted upon any people. But before *Banu Israil's* final divine punishment takes place, there is great drama which is yet to unfold in the Holy Land and, indeed, in the world. This book describes some of that still-unfolding drama.

Indeed the basic purpose of this book is to explain that *Islam* has a different view of the historical process as it pertains to the Holy Land. It is one in which time is fast running out for Israel. The Sea of Galilee will soon run dry! Jesus will return! And his return will witness the destruction of the State of Israel

Jews had the same Truth that Muslims have, but they corrupted it. They had a sufficiently long period of time in Madina (after the *Hijrah*) in which to accept the uncorrupted Truth that came in the *Qur'an*, and to accept Muhammad (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*), the Last Prophet of the God of Abraham, but they obstinately refused to do so. Time then ran out for them when Allah Most High changed the *Qiblah* (see *Qur'an*, *al-Baqarah*, 2:141-145). It then became too late for them to avert the collective fate that now stares them in their faces. More than any other event that still remains to unfold in history, the destiny of Jerusalem and the fate that awaits the State of Israel, will validate *Islam's* claim to uncorrupted Truth.

Jerusalem in the Qur'an – Implications for Muslims

What are the implications for those Muslims who read this book to the very end?

The first is that Jerusalem and the Holy Land should be dearest of all to their hearts - as dear as Makkah and Madina - and the struggle to liberate the Holy Land from the abomination of the secular Euro-Jewish State of Israel should be the dearest of all struggles (of liberation) for the Muslim. If a Jew can leave USA or Europe or Russia and join the Israeli Defense Force and participate in the armed oppression of the Muslim and Christian Palestinian people in the Holy Land, then a Muslim should also have the same freedom to leave wherever he resides in the world and join in the armed resistance of the oppressed in the Holy Land. ... It is, in fact, a minimum tangible expression of faith in today's world that Muslims should at least have the desire in their hearts to participate in that armed resistance (*Jihad*) in the Holy Land. Muslims should be warned, however, that as soon as they publicly declare their belief that the State of Israel will be destroyed by a Muslim army, and express the hope that they would be members of that army, they would eventually be intimidated and even arrested in order to silence them and make of them an example which would intimidate others.

Secondly, the financial and other resources of the Muslim world should be directed primarily to assist in the cause of the liberation of the Holy Land from oppression.

Thirdly and most important of all, Muslims (male as well as female) must study the message and guidance of the *Qur'an* as it pertains to the destiny of Jerusalem, and then teach it to others.

Zionist Jewish Strategy

One dimension of the over-all Zionist-Jewish strategy has been the attempt to control Israel's strategic environment through cultivating alliances of expediency with a corrupt, permanently rich, predatory and godless elite who now control the Arab-Muslim communities around Israel on Israel's behalf. That elite is forced to maintain friendly ties with Israel in order to maintain their position of power, dominance, privilege and wealth. Those Jews who are supporters of the State of Israel constantly put pressure on that elite to so oppress Muslims that they would either be forced into submission to Israel, or their opposition to Israel would pose no threat to the Jews. When Israel escalates its oppression in the Holy Land and the Muslim Arab masses become enraged then that ruling elite is forced, as a matter of survival, to adopt a posture of anger against Israel. This Jewish-Arab (elite) strategy has today reached an advanced stage of implementation. ... it is the strategy of a people who have essentially abandoned the ethical heart of the religion of Abraham (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*). The Zionist-Jewish strategy requires that they one day abandon that Arab elite... Indeed the strategy of abandoning that Arab elite has already begun. Even as we write Israel is preparing for a war with the Arab Muslims that would result in an expansion of the territory of the Jewish State. Israel would then rule the entire region as the *Ruling State* in the world (i.e., replacing USA as the *Ruling State*).

In response to all such Jewish strategies that seek to defy Allah Most High and the believers, and to subvert destiny, the *Qur'an* ominously declared:

“And they (the Jews) plotted and planned, and Allah too plotted and planned, and Allah is the best of plotters and planners.”

(*Qur'an, Ale Imran, 3:54*)

That strategy was successful in Egypt, Jordan, Turkey and Saudi Arabia, all of which are client states of a godless USA. But that strategy has not succeeded in the Holy Land. Nor has it succeeded in Syria and Yemen.

Readers of this book may wish to reflect over the prayer of Prophet Muhammad (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) who prayed as follows:

*“Narrated by Ibn Umar: The Prophet (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) said: O Allah! Bestow Your Blessings on our Sham (Syria) and our Yemen. People said: Our Najd (*Najd is that part of Saudi Arabia from which the Saudi rulers have originated*). The Prophet again said: O Allah! Bestow Your Blessings on our Sham and Yemen. They said again: Our Najd as well. On that the Prophet said: There will appear earthquakes and afflictions, and from there (i.e., Najd) will come out the side of the head of Satan.”*

(Sahih, Bukhari)

The Jewish State of Israel has completed 50 years of existence. But that is certainly not an achievement “against the odds” as the Jews would have us believe. An essentially godless Zionist Movement conned *Banu Israil* with a mountain of lies! One such lie was the false slogan “*a land without people for a people without land*”.

If the Arabs are not ‘people’, if they are just ‘grasshoppers’ as former Israeli Prime Minister Shamir once declared, did they not permit the Jews to dwell amongst them for more than two thousand years? The Arabs guaranteed to the Jews security of life and property while they lived amongst them in the Arab lands for more than two thousand years. The Arabs did all of this and more at a time when Europeans had closed their doors to Jews, or had reluctantly allowed them to live in ghettos. Arabs did this because they still possessed a ‘remnant’ of the religion of Abraham that had come to them with Ishmael (*sallalahu 'alaiki wa sallam*). That ‘remnant’ of the Truth had taught them to show hospitality. To this day the hospitality of the Arab has survived. The same religion of Abraham should have taught those Jews to show gratitude to hospitable ‘grass-hoppers’.

Zionism argued that Truth, in Judaism, had conferred on the Jewish people ‘exclusive’, ‘eternal’ and ‘unconditional’ title to the Holy Land. Zionism argued that restoration of the Jewish State of Israel, destroyed by Allah Most High some 2000 years ago, validated Judaism’s claim to (an imperialist version of) Truth. After all, had the Torah not proclaimed: “*every spot on which your foot treads shall be yours*” (*Deuteronomy, 11:24*)? For fifty years since the birth of Israel the world has watched in amazement the calamitous threading of Jewish ‘footsteps’ in an ever-expanding Israel. That expansion has not as yet ceased. Despite the ‘appearance’ that Israel is besieged and is circling her wagons to better protect herself from an Arab onslaught, the ‘reality’ at the time that this book is being published (after the destruction of the Jenin refugee camp and the slaughter of so many more Arabs) is that Israel is preparing to unleash a major war on the Arabs through which the frontiers of the Jewish State would dramatically expand to embrace the Biblical Holy Land, i.e., “*from the river of Egypt* (and this implies control over the Suez Canal) *to the River Euphrates* (and this implies control over all of the Gulf oil with the possible exception of Iran’s oil. Europe, Japan and much of the rest of the world are dependent on that Gulf oil).” That war, which would be planned with meticulous care, would also witness Israel replacing USA as the ‘*Ruling State*’ in the world.

And so, from a Biblical perspective, the Jewish success in restoring the State of Israel and in then expanding the territory of the State, in addition to Jewish control over the holy city of Jerusalem, certainly appears to validate Judaism’s claim to Truth.

Our question is: How was this achieved without the Messiah? The answer is that it was achieved through the deception of a False Messiah (*al-Masih al-Dajjal*)!

Again, the inescapable implication of the apparent success in restoring the Biblical Israel was the validation of the Jewish claim that Jesus and Muhammad (peace be upon them both) were both impostors.

But in order for Israel to be created, Judaism had to hitch its wagon onto the newly emergent, essentially godless and decadent modern western civilization. That godless western world established its authority as the peerless dominant actor on the stage of the world, “*descending on mankind from every height*” or “*spreading out in all directions*” (*Surah al-Anbiyah, 21:96*) to control all the sea, land and air. Nor could the Jewish State have survived these fifty years but for the active assistance of that all-powerful but godless and decadent West.

Those Jews who support the State of Israel acclaimed what appeared to them to be the restoration of Biblical Israel, but they conveniently ignored the great injustices and oppression inflicted upon a hapless Palestinian people - Christian as well as Muslim - whose only sin appears to have been their residence in the Holy Land (of the Jews). That injustice and oppression has been constantly increasing these 50 years. Our question to such Jews is this: Is a valid claim to Truth compatible with such godlessness, decadence, injustice, racism, and oppression? Can a people ‘hitch their wagon’ to an essentially godless train and still claim to be faithful to the God of Abraham?

The Zionist-Jews argued that they did not drive the Palestinian people out of their homes - rather they left themselves. Well then, why did those Jews not preserve their homes for them as a sacred trust, and why did they not invite them to return to their homes? Instead the Jews have persisted for fifty long miserable years in obstinately denying them the ‘right of return’ to the homes.

Israel's wicked oppression continues to intensify every day. Israel will soon reach the pinnacle of ‘false’ glory when she becomes the *Ruling State* in the world. However, this book declares that the world is witnessing the beginning of the end for the Impostor Jewish State of Israel! Jews should not blame Zionism for the plight in which they now find themselves. All that Zionism ever did was to exploit every single lie that was put into the Bible by embellishing those lies with a mountain of more lies.

‘Jerusalem’ Not Mentioned by Name in the Qur'an

‘Jerusalem in the *Qur'an*’ was written partly in response to the newspaper article of Daniel Pipes that was published in the Los Angeles Times (“*Jerusalem means more to Jews than to Muslims*”, July 21, 2000). In it he attempted to dismiss any Islamic claim to Jerusalem by declaring of Jerusalem, among other things, that: “It is not once mentioned in the *Qur'an* or in the liturgy...” Dr. Pipes and his media surrogates, who provoked us to respond, may wish to revise their opinion if they were ever to read this book.

Indeed a Muslim is duty-bound to respond to such hostile critics who persist in challenging *Islam* and the *Qur'an*, particularly so in respect of their new crusade on behalf of the Jewish State of Israel. Response should always be made through turning to the Truth that is in the *Qur'an*. The *Qur'an* declares that when Truth is hurled against falsehood, Truth will always vanquish falsehood. And the believers have been ordered to use the *Qur'an* while waging a mighty struggle against the disbelievers.

Regardless of whether Dr. Pipes accepts or does not accept ‘*Jerusalem in the Qur'an*’, it is clear that the study of this subject matter is basic for an understanding of the problem of Israel and Islam. And that is the primary importance of this book.

Jerusalem - Key to Understanding the World Today

It should now be clear that this subject is particularly important for all those Muslims who must comment on, or respond to, the rapidly evolving awesome drama in Jerusalem. **As long ago as 1974 the late Dr. Kaleem Siddiqui, founder-President of the Muslim Institute for Research and Planning in London, urged this writer to produce precisely this book that would demonstrate that Jerusalem is the key to the understanding of the historical process as it manifests itself today.** The Qur'anic view that emerges from this book clearly establishes that it is not possible for anyone to truly understand the modern world unless one can also penetrate the reality of Jerusalem today!

The modern West wants an *Islam* to be adopted that will, among other things, accommodate the Jewish State of Israel and pave the way for Muslims to embrace it and make peace with it... This book has provided the Islamic response to that strategic goal of the West, a response that is based firmly on the *Qur'an* and the *Ahadith* of Prophet Muhammad (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*). This book has revealed that there will never be peace at any time in the future between the true followers of Prophet Muhammad (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) and the Jewish State of Israel, and that the true followers of the Prophet (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) will eventually triumph over the oppressor Israel and liberate the Holy Land of Israel's oppression.

The most important of all subjects dealt with in the *Qur'an* that must be taught in Islamic educational institutions today is the subject of '*Jerusalem in the Qur'an*'. It is with this subject more than any other that Muslims can successfully respond to the present attack of the godless world which forces upon them such modification of the faith as would accommodate Israel. Professor Dr. Isma'il Raji Faruqi, the distinguished Palestinian scholar of Islam who was assassinated because he was a thorn in Israel's side, warned Muslims of this danger:

“The problem of Israel confronting the Muslim World today has neither precedent nor parallel in Islamic history. The Muslim World has tended to regard it as another instance of modern colonialism, or at best, a repetition of the Crusades. The difference is not that Israel is neither one of these, but that it is both and more, much more. Unfortunately, there is no Islamic literature on the subject. The need for this analysis of the problem is, therefore, as great as the present moment which calls upon the Arab World in particular and the Muslim World in general to accept Israel as an integral member of a world-of-Muslim-nations in Asia-Africa.”

(‘*Islam and the Problem of Israel*’, Islamic Council of Europe, London, 1980. ISBN 0 907163 02 5).

Dr. Faruqi was of the view that Israel constituted a danger to Muslims far greater than the danger posed by the Euro-Christian Crusades of the medieval age, or by the Euro-Colonialism of the modern secular age. Hence he rejected the call for the acceptance of Israel as an integral member of ‘a world of Muslim nations in Asia-Africa’.

This book has made a humble attempt to complement Dr. Faruqi's work by providing Muslim teachers, in particular, with the Qur'anic guidance as it pertains to Jerusalem and its destiny.

Jews, Christians, and ‘Jerusalem in the Qur'an’

Finally, while the subject of ‘Jerusalem in the *Qur'an*’ is important to Muslims, we were particularly interested in reaching out to Jews and Christians with the Holy *Qur'an*. As time passes, and the Last Hour draws nearer, it is becoming more and more difficult for Christian and Jewish scholarship to respond to the *Qur'an* and *Ahadith* as they deal with the subject of this book, as well as with Gog and Magog, the (False) Messiah, and the Return of Jesus (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*). The evidence that confirms the truth of the *Qur'an* continues to increase.

Muslims have a duty to present this subject to Jews and Christians, and we have done so in this book.

This book made a distinction between two different Jews. There are those Israelite-Jews who traced their ancestry to Father Abraham (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*). They are a Semitic people whose racial affinity to the Arabs is quite clear. On the other hand, there are blue-eyed blond-haired Europeans who converted to Judaism once upon a time and who share no such descent from Abraham (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*). The opinion of this writer, and Allah Knows best, is that the original Gog and Magog are definitely located *somewhere within the ranks* of such European Jews. Gog and Magog overturned Christian European civilization and transformed it into the present godless civilization. Gog and Magog established the Zionist movement and the State of Israel.

There can be no question of the fact that this book would be psychologically shocking to Western, Christian, Jewish and even to some Muslim readers. But let us make it plain and clear that we have not written this book to offend such a reading audience. The ‘internal reality’ of the world today, as understood through the *Qur'an*, is quite different from the ‘external appearances’ on the basis of which such people form judgments. There is a world of difference in the perception of those who see with two eyes, the external and internal, and those who see with only one eye (because they are internally blind). Prophet Muhammad (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) warned that the age of *Dajjal*, the False Messiah, would be an age in which ‘appearance’ and ‘reality’ would be completely different from each other. None can see ‘internally’ and penetrate ‘reality’ in the Last Age save those who faithfully follow Prophet Muhammad (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*).

We feel confident that there would be some Jews at least who, upon reading in this book the Qur'anic explanation of the events which are unfolding in the Holy Land, would, *Insha Allah*, be convinced of the Truth in the Qur'an and would consequently accept Prophet Muhammad (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) as a true Prophet of the God of Abraham.

Interpretation and Explanation

We have sometimes interpreted a text (of the *Qur'an*) ourselves when such a text was not directly explained, either by Allah, Most Wise, or by His Messenger (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*). We did so in order to locate the Qur'anic explanation for our subject. When we did so, we exposed ourselves to the summary rejection of those who admit to no interpretation whatsoever of sacred texts other than its direct and literal meaning... We invite those who reject our interpretations to themselves present that 'explanation' with which the *Qur'an* 'explains' the return of the Jews to the Holy Land.

Secondly, when we interpreted a Qur'anic text we always did so with the proviso that Allah Knows best! (*Allahu 'alam*).

Jerusalem and the Qur'an's Claim to Truth

It has become quite unfashionable in this age of the secularization of knowledge to resort to the revealed word of the God of Abraham (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) to seek to explain the world. Yet this is precisely what took place when the State of Israel emerged in the modern world. European Zionist-Jews used the Torah to argue the case of their 'God-given' right to take possession of the Holy Land in order to restore the State of Israel (that was first established by the Prophet-King, David (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*)). The first European Prime Minister of Israel, David Ben Gurion, stated quite frankly: *The Bible is our deed to the Land of Israel*.

We were therefore quite justified in responding to the advent of Jewish Israel with a presentation that is derived exclusively from the *Qur'an*.

As the historical process unfolds in this the last stage of history, and as the *Qur'an* increasingly demonstrates its capacity to explain accurately the world and Jerusalem today, this would validate its claim to be Truth. More than anything else this book has presented the claim of the *Qur'an* that it is Truth. This is precisely what the book itself declares in a *Surah* which is itself named *al-Fussilat* ("that which is clearly spelled out"):

In time We shall make them fully understand Our messages (through that which unfolds) in the utmost horizons (of the universe) and within themselves, so that it will become clear to them that this (revelation) is indeed the Truth. Will this not suffice for them to be convinced that your Lord is witness unto all things?

(*Qur'an, al-Fussilaat, 41:53-4*)

Jerusalem, a city sacred to Muslims, Christians and Jews, is destined to play the most significant of all roles in the End of History. *Islam*, Christianity and Judaism are all agreed on this. There are an abundance of signs, plainly visible to those blessed with spiritual insight (i.e., who see with two eyes, the external and the internal) that we now live in that Last Age, the age that will witness the End of History.

It is critically important that the Qur'anic view on this subject be presented again and again at this time since Jerusalem has already begun to play that 'role' which is her destiny. This book explains that 'role'. It is also important that Jerusalem's 'role' in

the ‘End of History’ should be explained with as much intuitive spiritual insight as is possible since that ‘role’ is oft-times discernible only in this way.

Our objective was, of course, to address the general reading public. It is particularly important for them to be acquainted with the destiny of Jerusalem and the Holy Land, established in the *Qur'an* and *Hadith* (the word of Prophet Muhammad *sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*), because of the rival claims to Jerusalem each of which declare that Jerusalem is destined to validate its exclusive claim to Truth and invalidate all others.

To paraphrase this means that Jews believe in a destiny of Jerusalem that will witness the advent of the Messiah. When the Messiah comes he will restore the golden age of Judaism and he will rule the world from Jerusalem. That will validate the Jewish claim to Truth and invalidate the claims of rivals. Christians have the same belief. When Jesus, the Messiah returns, he will reign over the world from Jerusalem and he will validate the Christian dogmas of Trinity, Incarnation, Atonement, etc. Thus will the Christian claim to Truth be validated and all others invalidated. The Muslims also believe that Jerusalem has a destiny that will validate *Islam's* claim to Truth and invalidate the current Christian and Jewish claims. Since these three conceptions of Truth, all of which claim to originate from Abraham (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*), have such profound differences, they cannot possibly all be true.

The Muslim view, as it emerges in this book, is that Jesus (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*), the ‘true’ Messiah, would return to life on earth one day, would go to Jerusalem and rule the world as *Hakimun 'Adil* (a ‘just ruler’), “will marry, have children, and die”. “*Muslims will pray over his body and he will be buried next to Prophet Muhammad (sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam) in the city of Madina*” in Arabia where the Prophet (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) is buried. When he returns “*Jesus (sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam) will break the cross*”, and that will be the end of Christianity, the religion of the cross. And “*he will kill the pigs*”:

“Narrated Abu Hurairah: Allah’s Messenger said: “By Him in Whose Hand is my soul, the son of Mary will shortly descend amongst you as a just ruler. He will break the cross and kill the pigs and abolish Jizyah (a punitive tax imposed upon Jews and Christians resident in the territory of Islam). Then there will be abundance of money and nobody will accept charitable gifts.”

(Sahih Bukhari)

The word ‘pigs’ cannot be interpreted literally because such an interpretation does not fit into the context of the text. Rather, the use of the word ‘pigs’ indicates extreme divine anger. This book poses the question: Who are the pigs that will be killed by the Messiah when he returns? With whom will the Messiah be so angry? Who attempted to crucify him?

Muslims have precise information of the moment in time when Jesus (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*), the Messiah, will return. It will be when the water in the Sea in Galilee has almost dried up, or has dried up:

“....It will be at this very time that Allah will send Christ, son of Mary. He will descend at the white minaret on the eastern side of Damascus, wearing two garments lightly dyed with saffron and placing his hands on the wings of two Angels. When he lowers his head, there will fall beads of perspiration from his head, and when he raises it up, beads like pearls will scatter from it. Every non-believer who smells the odor of his body will die and his breath will reach as far as he is able to see. He will then search for him (Dajjal) until he catches hold of him at the gate of Ludd and kills him. Then a people whom Allah had protected will come to Jesus, son of Mary, and he will wipe their faces and inform them of their ranks in Paradise. It will be under such conditions that Allah will reveal to Jesus these words: I have brought forth from among My servants such people against whom none will be able to fight; you take these people safely to Tur, and then Allah will send Gog and Magog and they will swarm down from every slope. The first of them will pass the lake of Tiberias and drink out of it. And when the last of them passes, he will say: There was once water here....”

(Sahih Muslim)

The Sea of Galilee (otherwise called Lake Tiberias or Lake Kinneret) has less water today than ever before in history, and that water is constantly decreasing because Israel's Euro-Jewish Government is taking out more water than nature can put back into the Sea. It is as simple as that! When the water dries up and there is no more drinking water left, the Zionist-Jews will finally reach the supreme moment in their over-all strategy to get the Arabs to submit to Jewish rule in the Holy Land. That would imply their worship of the False Messiah rather than the worship of Allah Most High. They would be required to do so in order to get water from the desalination plants that Israel would build. The Arabs would be too poor to be able to afford to buy water.

This book makes it clear that all that such Jews have to do to measure the time left for their final destruction is to observe the water level in the Sea of Galilee.

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JERUSALEM IN THE QUR'AN

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PART ONE

Chapter 2

THE MYSTERY OF JERUSALEM, THE ‘TOWN’, IN THE QUR’AN

“And there is a ban on (the people of) a town which We destroyed: that they (the people of the town) shall not return (to reclaim their town) until Gog and Magog are released and (eventually) they descend from every height (or spread out in every direction).”

(Qur'an, al-Anbiyah, 21:95-6)

(When Gog and Magog do so they assume control over the world and rule the world in the World Order of Gog and Magog).

It is strange, mysterious, and enigmatic, ... that the name of the city ‘Jerusalem’ (Arabic ‘*Quds*’ or ‘*Bait al-Maqdis*’) does not appear in the *Qur'an*! Yet so many of the Prophets mentioned in the *Qur'an* had links with that Holy City, and in it is located that only other House of Allah, apart from those built in Makkah and Madina, ever built by a Prophet of Allah, Most High. Not only is that House of Allah (*Masjid al-Aqsa*) mentioned in the *Qur'an* but so, also, is the miraculous night-time journey in which Prophet Muhammad (*sallalahu 'alaiki wa sallam*) was taken from Makkah to Jerusalem and to that House of Allah. Perhaps the reason for this mysterious treatment of the subject is located in the Islamic view that Jerusalem is destined to play a central crucial role in the Last Age. Hence there was, perhaps, a divine need to cloud the name of the city, as well as its destiny, with a sacred cloud that would not be lifted until the appropriate time had come, and Jerusalem was poised and ready to play its role in the End of History.

This, perhaps, explains the almost total absence of Islamic literature on the subject of the destiny of Jerusalem, something to which Dr. Ismail Raji al-Faruqi referred when he lamented: “*Unfortunately, there is no Islamic literature on the subject*” (see Ch. 1). The fact is that no one could have written on this subject until that time arrived

when the cloud was lifted. This book was written in consequence of the conviction that the cloud is now being lifted.

When the Jews rejected Jesus (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) as the Messiah and subsequently boasted that they had killed him (see *Qur'an*, *al-Nisa*, 4:157), they remained convinced that the advent of the Promised Messiah (and with him, the return of the Golden Age of Judaism) was still to come. They believed that the return of that Golden Age required, among other things, the following:

- that the Holy Land would be liberated from the control of Gentiles,
- that the Jews would return to the Holy Land from their exile in order to reclaim it,
- that the State of Israel would be restored,
- that the Temple (or *Masjid*) would be restored for the (Jewish) worship of the God of Abraham,
- that Israel would eventually become the *Ruling State* in the world in a manner similar to that achieved in the age of David (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) and Solomon (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*),
- that a Jewish King, who would be the Messiah, would rule the world from the throne of David (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*), i.e., from Jerusalem as the ruler of Israel, and finally
- that his rule would be eternal.

Prophet Muhammad (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) declared that one of the major signs of the Last Day was that Allah Most High would deceive the Jews by raising and sending against them one who would impersonate the Messiah and lead them to believe that the Golden Age was returning. But, instead, that ‘False Messiah’ would lead them by exquisite deception to the greatest divine punishment ever inflicted upon any in Allah’s creation. *Al-Masih al-Dajjal* or *Dajjal*, the False Messiah, who is known by Christians as the Anti-Christ, was created by Allah Most High and would be released into the world in the Last Age to accomplish this mission. Now consider the following:

- The Holy Land was ‘liberated’ (i.e., from a Jewish perspective) from Muslim ‘gentile’ rule when the British General, Allenby, conquered Jerusalem in 1917;
- Israelite Jews have now ‘returned’ to reclaim the Holy Land after their divinely ordained 2000-year exile. This has occurred exactly as the *Qur'an* declared 1400 years ago that it would happen at the ‘End Time’. The remaining Caucasian Jews in USA and elsewhere seem destined to soon reach there;
- A state of Israel was ‘restored’ in 1948 and it lays claim to being the ancient State of Israel;
- An Israel which is armed to the teeth with an arsenal of nuclear ... weapons seems destined to exploit the Palestinian *Intifada* ... and the September 11th

Mossad attack on America (which created conditions favorable for Israel) with a war in which Israel will **defy** USA, Europe, the UN, and all the rest of the world, to take control of the entire region in which it is located. That Israeli war is likely to witness the expansion of the territory of Israel to that promised in the Torah, i.e., from the river of Egypt to the river Euphrates. **With success in that act of defiance of the entire world, including USA, and with the predictable collapse of the US dollar and US economy,** Euro-Israel would finally have graduated from dependency, first on the British and then USA. The Euro-Jewish State would finally replace USA and Britain as a military and financial super-power of the world ...;

- The predictable destruction of *Masjid al-Aqsa* and the reconstruction of the Jewish temple on the site would then take place. The prediction of the Prophet Nathan who declared, “the Messiah would build a House for God” (1 Chronicles 17:11-15), suggests the destruction of the present *Masjid*.

All of this [would] appear very much to Jews as the fulfillment of prophecy pertaining to the return of the Golden Age when Solomon (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) ruled the world from Jerusalem. From the perspective of this book, however, none of the above could have been accomplished without the intervention of *Dajjal*, the False Messiah. Therefore all of the above constitute deception. The Holy State of Israel (first established by Prophet Solomon) has not really been restored. Rather, an impostor Israel is in the place of the real Israel. It is clear to this writer that the cloud has now been lifted and that the ‘End Time’ has arrived ... That, perhaps, is the reason why the writing of this book at this time is possible. The *Qur'an* explains all of the above.

The *Qur'an* referred to Jerusalem, time and again, as a ‘city’ or ‘town’ – but without naming it ... This appears to have been part of the divine cloud that shrouded the subject of the role of Jerusalem in the Last Age. For example, the *Qur'an* referred to that occasion when the Israelite Jews worshipped a golden calf while their Prophet, Moses (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*), had gone up Mt. Sinai in consequence of a divine summons. The *Qur'an* warned that such worship of other than Allah Most High ... would result in divine punishment:

“Those who took the (golden) calf (for worship and thus committed Shirk) (and whoever thereafter commits Shirk) will indeed be overwhelmed with wrath from their Lord and with shame in this life: thus do We recompense those who invent (falsehoods against Allah)....”

(Qur'an, al-'Araf, 7:152-3)

The *Qur'an* continued to describe the event while the Israelites were still in Sinai, and before they were allowed to enter the Holy Land, and declared:

“We divided them into twelve tribes or nations. (Then) We directed Moses by inspiration when his (thirsty) people asked him for water: ‘Strike the rock with thy staff’: out of it there gushed forth twelve springs: each group knew its own place for water. We gave them the shade of clouds and sent down to them manna and quails (saying): ‘Eat of the good things We have provided for you’: (but they rebelled): to Us they did no harm but they harmed their own souls.”

(Qur'an, al-'Araf, 7:160)

It was after this that the *Qur'an* then referred to Jerusalem simply and mysteriously as a ‘town’:

“And remember it was said to them ‘Dwell in this town (i.e., Jerusalem) and eat therein as ye wish but say the word of humility and enter the gate in a posture of humility’...”

(*Qur'an, al-'Araf, 7:161*)

There is another more ominous and mysterious reference to Jerusalem as simply a ‘town’ in the following passage of the *Qur'an*:

“And there is a ban on (the people of) a town which We destroyed (and the inhabitants were expelled) that they (i.e., the people of the town) shall not return (to reclaim the town) until Gog and Magog are released and they (eventually) descend from every height or spread in every direction.”

(*Qur'an, al-Anbiyah, 21:95-6*)

When then descend from every height, or spread out in every direction they, in effect, assume control over the world and rule the world in the World Order of Gog and Magog.

In order to determine the identity of the ‘town’ referred to above we examined all the material that exists in the *Qur'an* and *Ahadith* that pertain to Gog and Magog. We found only one town that is linked to Gog and Magog, and it is Jerusalem (see Chapter 10 of Pt. 1). Hence we concluded that the town referred to in the above verse of the *Qur'an* is Jerusalem!

When we recognize Jerusalem as the ‘town’ it would then become clear that the cloud over Jerusalem in the *Qur'an* would be lifted only when *Y'ajuj* (Gog) and *M'ajuj* (Magog) are released and when they eventually descend from every height or spread in every direction (i.e., they take control of the world in the World Order of Gog and Magog). The return of the Israelite Jews to the Holy Land confirms that *Y'ajuj* (Gog) and *M'ajuj* (Magog) have already been released, have already descended from every height, or have already spread out in every direction, and therefore have already taken control of the world. The World Order which today rules over the world is the World Order of Gog and Magog. Indeed it is Gog and Magog who made the return of the Jews to the Holy Land possible.

It is now possible for us to anticipate the grand design through which *Dajjal*, the False Messiah, would continue to convince the Jews that he is delivering the return of the golden age. That grand design appears to have commenced when *Dajjal* sallied forth from Britain (see *Hadith of Tamim al-Dari* in *Sahih Muslim*) to transform European civilization into a post-Christian and essentially godless civilization, and to endow it ... with the power to achieve whatever goal it chose to pursue. Then the plan witnessed the creation of the Zionist movement. Zionism, in turn, established the State of Israel. The plan seems to include eventual Jewish control over the entire region in which the Holy Land is located, and that would be a step towards the world dominion

that *Dajjal* must deliver in order for the Jews to accept him as the true Messiah. At the very heart of the grand design for the region must be the control over wealth and over water. Prophet Muhammad (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) has explained the link between *Dajjal* and *Riba*, and between Gog and Magog and water!

The Israelite Jews have returned to the Holy Land. That return could not have been possible without modern western civilization (in which Britain played the most conspicuous role). And hence it is also now clear that not only did *Dajjal*, the False Messiah, sally forth from the island of Britain, but in addition, that Gog and Magog are located within European civilization.

From ‘Jerusalem’ to ‘The Holy Land’

The mystery of Jerusalem in the *Qur'an* is compounded by the fact that the Holy Book sometimes refers to the city ‘Jerusalem’ synonymously with the ‘Holy Land’ (as in ... *Surah al-Anbiyah*, 95-6) and then proceeds to refer to the ‘Holy Land’ in the same mysterious way in which it referred to ‘Jerusalem’. For example in *Surah Banu Israil* the *Qur'an* declared that it was the destiny of *Banu Israil* that they would commit *Fasad* (i.e., destructive corruption) in the Holy Land (*al-Ard al-Muqaddasah*) on two occasions. But the *Qur'an* did not refer in the verse to the Holy Land by name. Rather the *Qur'an* referred to it simply and enigmatically as ‘the earth’ or ‘the land’:

“And We gave (clear) warning to the Children of Israel in the Book that twice would they commit Fasad on ‘the land’ and be elated with mighty arrogance (and twice would they be punished)!”

(Qur'an, Banu Israil, 17:4)

And then when the *Qur'an* addressed the crucially important subject of the divine conditions for inheritance of the Holy Land, again it referred to it simply and enigmatically as ‘the earth’ or ‘the land’, and not as the ‘Holy Land’:

“Before this We wrote in the Psalms after the Message (i.e., the Torah given to Moses): My servants the righteous shall inherit ‘the land’.”

(Qur'an, al-Anbiyah, 21:105)

Finally, the *Qur'an* refers to a moment in time when Allah Most High would raise *D'abatul ard* (a ‘Beast of the Earth or Land’):

“And when the Word is fulfilled against them (i.e., Banu Israil) We shall produce from the land a beast to (face) them (Banu Israil). He will speak to them for the people did not believe with assurance in our Signs.”

(Qur'an, al-Naml, 27:82)

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This ‘Beast of the Earth’ or the ‘Land’ is, like *Dajjal* and Gog and Magog, one of the major Signs of the Last Age. It is clear that the word ‘land’ or ‘earth’ with reference to the Beast is no other than the ‘Holy Land’.

And so, when Allah Most High is prepared to commence His punishment of the Jews, He raises a ‘Beast’ in the Holy Land’. This ‘Beast’ is readily identifiable as no other than the modern Jewish State of Israel.

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PART ONE

Chapter 3

THE BEGINNING OF THE STORY OF JERUSALEM IN THE QUR'AN: JERUSALEM AND THE PROPHETS

“But We delivered him (Abraham) and (his nephew) Lot (and directed them) to the land in which We had placed blessings for all of mankind.”

(Qur'an, al-Anbiyah, 21:71)

Abraham (*'alaihi al-Salam*)

The true Qur'anic story about Jerusalem and the Holy Land begins with Abraham (*'alaihi al-Salam*), the Prophet of Allah, Most High. He broke up the idols in the temple of his people (in Ur - modern Iraq) but left the biggest idol standing to impress upon the idolatrous people the falsehood of the worship of idols (*Qur'an, al-Anbiyah, 21:57-63*). If Abraham (*'alaihi al-Salam*) were to return today and repeat such an act it would be denounced by secular governments and so-called Islamic scholars as an act of terrorism and destruction of the cultural heritage of Babylon. The UN would impose sanctions on any government that harboured him. Prophet Muhammad (*'alaihi al-Salam*) would be treated no differently were he to return and repeat his destruction of the idols in the Ka'aba.

Ur responded with fury to the destruction of their idols, and the ridicule to which idolatry was subjected. They punished Abraham (*'alaihi al-Salam*), building a fire and throwing him into it. But Allah Most High intervened and commanded the fire to be “*cool for him*” and to “*keep him safe from harm*” (*Qur'an, al-Anbiyah, 21:68-9*). Thereupon Allah Most High declared that He delivered him and Lot (*'alaihi al-Salam*) to a Land in which He had placed blessings for all of mankind. That was the Holy Land:

“But We delivered him (Abraham) and (his nephew) Lot (and directed them) to the land in which We had placed blessings for all of mankind.”

(*Qur'an, al-Anbiyah, 21:71*)

It was with this verse that the concept of a Holy Land, or a Blessed Land, was introduced in the *Qur'an* for the first time. What is its significance? Why should Allah, Most Wise, choose one land in all the earth and make of it a Holy Blessed Land? And why should He guide Abraham ('alaihi al-Salam) and Lot ('alaihi al-Salam). His Prophets and Messengers, to migrate to that Holy Land? There can be only one answer to these questions.

Of all of mankind Allah, Most Wise, chose Abraham ('alaihi al-Salam) as His 'friend' or 'dearly beloved' (*khalil*) (*Qur'an, al-Nisa, 4:125*). He tested Abraham ('alaihi al-Salam) with the greatest of tests and trials that Abraham passed. Allah Most High then appointed him as the religious head (*Imam*) of all of mankind (*Qur'an, al-Baqarah, 2:124*). It followed therefrom that there could be only 'one' Truth, and from it would emerge 'one' religion for all of mankind – the religion of Abraham ('alaihi al-Salam). There is thus only one true religion, all others being false. It is the religion of the *Imam* of mankind, i.e., the religion of Abraham ('alaihi al-Salam). No Priest or Rabbi could possibly challenge that! And yet, when we assert such, the Rabbi accuses us of chauvinism!

When Allah Most High chose one land and made of it a Holy Blessed Land and then guided Abraham ('alaihi al-Salam) to migrate to that Land, the Divine purpose or plan was that the Holy Land should function as the 'litmus test' of Truth. Only the religion of Abraham ('alaihi al-Salam) could survive in the Holy Land. All others would be expelled. In other words, herein, Truth would always visibly triumph over falsehood and history could not end before the final triumph of Truth over falsehood in that Land! Piety, godliness, righteousness and submission to Allah Most High represented the very essence of Truth and hence the religion of Abraham ('alaihi al-Salam). Is Christianity, Judaism, or *Islam*, Truth? Jerusalem is already answering that question! It is the destiny of Jerusalem to validate Truth. And that is most certainly one of the main points being made in this book.

Since Abraham ('alaihi al-Salam) and Lot ('alaihi al-Salam) were directed by Allah, Most Wise, to migrate to that Holy Land and to reside there, the implication was that unless Allah Most High were to direct them to again migrate elsewhere, they and their progeny would reside in that land. It was, therefore, their land.

The question that must be posed is whether the invitation to reside in the Holy Land was unconditional? Would the invitation still be valid if their progeny were to abandon the religion of Abraham ('alaihi al-Salam) and become atheists, or were to engage in prostitution or oppression? Would it still be valid if the Jews were to establish in the Holy Land a secular State that declared that 'supreme authority' belonged to the State rather than the God of Abraham, and that the highest law was the law of the State rather than Allah's Law? Would it still be valid if that State were to declare to be *Halal* (i.e., legal) that which Allah Most High had declared to be *Haram* (prohibited)? We should note that the God of Abraham ('alaihi al-Salam) prohibited the borrowing and lending of money on interest (*Riba*). The Jews changed the Torah to legalize the lending of money on interest to those who were not Jews. Not only is *Riba* legal in the Holy Land today, but so are also many other things that were prohibited by Allah, Most High.

Secondly, and importantly, is the question: If Allah Most High blessed that Land *for all of mankind*, would it not imply that any and all of mankind who faithfully follow the religion of Abraham would also have access to those blessings? Is this not a *universal* statement? Whence then, comes the claim of the Jews to *exclusive* title to the Holy Land?

As we attempt in this book to answer these important questions it would be of great help to reflect over the following conversation between Abraham (*'alaihi al-Salam*) and His Lord:

“And remember that Abraham was tried by his Lord with certain commands, which he fulfilled: He (the Lord) said: “I hereby appoint you as the Imam (religious and spiritual leader) of all mankind.” He (Abraham) enquired: “And also from my offspring?” (Will they also share of this status?) He answered: “My Covenant (or Promise) will not reach (i.e., include) those who commit acts of Dhulm (i.e., injustice, oppression, tyranny, repression, suppression).”

(Qur'an, al-Baqarah, 2:124)

Among those acts which the *Qur'an* recognizes as acts of *Dhulm* would be “driving a people out of their homes and out of the land in which they lived” and doing so “for no just cause (indeed for no cause other than) their belief in Allah, Most High”:

“To those against whom war is made, permission is given (to fight), because they are wronged; and verily, Allah is Most Powerful for their aid; (They are) those who have been expelled from their homes in defiance of right, (for no cause) except that they say, ‘Our Lord is Allah’...”

(Qur'an, al-Hajj, 22:39-40)

This was precisely the way that the Jewish State of Israel was established.

The *Qur'an* reserved its greatest condemnation, however, for that act of *Dhulm* which occurs when the Word of Allah is changed and a lie is told against Allah. That was exactly what the Jews did when they rewrote the Torah and corrupted it by changing the Word of Allah, Most High:

“Who commits greater act of Dhulm (injustice) than he who tells a lie against Allah or rejects His Signs? But verily the wrongdoers never shall prosper.”

(Qur'an, al-An'am, 6:21)

Moses (*'alaihi al-Salam*)

The next mention of the Holy Land in the *Qur'an* occurred some 500 years later when Moses (*'alaihi al-Salam*) implored the Israelite people to fight to take control of the Holy Land. He had led them out of slavery in Egypt, and the divine miracle had occurred in which the sea parted for them but drowned their enemies. Then the struggle was to be launched from Sinai to liberate the Holy Land:

“O my people! Enter the Holy Land which Allah gave to you, and turn not back ignominiously, for then you will be overthrown and will lose (among other things your right to live in the Land).”

(Qur'an, al-Maidah, 5:21)

This verse of the *Qur'an* confirmed what was implicit in *Surah al-Anbiyah*, 21:71 quoted above. The Israelites were the progeny of Abraham ('alaihi al-Salam), and were still following the religion of Abraham ('alaihi al-Salam) under the guidance of the Prophet of Allah, Moses ('alaihi al-Salam), thus they were entitled to live in the Holy Land. It was their land!

Some time after the death of Moses ('alaihi al-Salam) the Israelites succeeded in entering the Holy Land. But hostile tribes constantly harassed them. Sometimes they were even forced to flee to save their lives. The *Qur'an* made reference to this, and to their desire for a King who would lead them into battle as they struggled to gain complete control over the Holy Land:

“Are you not aware of those who fled from their homes (in the Holy Land) though they were thousands (in number) for fear of death? Allah said to them: Die. Then He restored them to life. For Allah is full of bounties to mankind, but most of them are ungrateful.”

“Then fight in the cause of Allah and know that Allah hears and knows all things (Allah, Most Wise, wants you to fight and resist oppressors who drive you out of the land in which you live and out of your homes).

“Who is he that will loan to Allah a beautiful loan which Allah will (return with) much more than was borrowed? It is Allah Who restricts what He gives, or increases what He gives and to Him shall be your return.

“Are you not aware of those elders of the Israelites, after (the time of) Moses, how they said to a Prophet (that was) among them: Appoint for us a king that we may fight in the cause of Allah He said: Is it not possible if you were commanded to fight that ye would not fight? They said: How could we refuse to fight in the cause of Allah seeing that our families and us have been driven out of our home? But when they were commanded to fight they turned back except a small band among them. But Allah has full knowledge of those who do wrong.”

(Qur'an, al-Baqarah, 2:243-6)

That Prophet who spoke to them (above) was Samuel ('alaihi al-Salam). Their response to him was:

“How could we refuse to fight in the cause of Allah seeing that we and our families have been driven out of our home?”

(Qur'an, al-Baqarah, 2:246)

This response established in their own words, in their own tongue, the principle that a people were entitled to wage war against an oppressor who drove them out of their homes and the land in which they lived. While true of all territories, it was especially true for the Holy Land. How then, was it possible for the State of Israel to be

established on the basis of a policy of driving out of their homes and out of the Land, a people who worshipped the God of Abraham, and then obstinately denying them for more than fifty years the right to return?

Joshua ('alaihi al-Salam)

After the Israelite people were delivered out of Egypt they were blessed (once more) with a divinely ordained *inheritance* of the Holy Land. The Bible informs us that Joshua led them into the Holy Land. The *Qur'an* neither denies nor confirms that Biblical statement regarding the name of Joshua:

“Whereas unto a people who (in the past) had been deemed utterly low (and of no account), We gave as their heritage the Eastern and Western parts of the (Holy) Land that We had blessed. And (thus) the fair promise of thy Lord was fulfilled for the Children of Israel, because they had patience and constancy in adversity, whereas We utterly destroyed all that Pharaoh and his people had wrought and all that they had built (with such pride).”

(Qur'an, al-'Araf, 7:137)

Earlier, when Moses ('alaihi al-Salam) had ordered them to do so, the Jews had refused to fight to enter the Holy Land. At that time two amongst them had urged them to fight to enter the Holy Land. The commentators of the *Qur'an* identify Joshua as one of the two:

“(But) among (their) God-fearing men were two on whom Allah had bestowed His grace: they said: "Assault them at the (proper) Gate (i.e., make a frontal assault): when once ye are in, victory will be yours; but on Allah put your trust if ye have faith.”

(Qur'an, al-Maidah, 5:23)

Solomon ('alaihi al-Salam)

Then, a further 500 years later, the *Qur'an* made a fourth reference to the Holy Land when Allah, Most Wise, spoke of the Kingdom of Solomon ('alaihi al-Salam) as follows:

“(It was Our power that made) the violent (unruly) wind flow (tamely) for Solomon, to his order, to the land which We had blessed: for We do know all things.”

(Qur'an, al-Anbiyah, 21-81)

It was in consequence of all these divine blessings that the (Islamic) State of Israel over which Solomon ('alaihi al-Salam) ruled became not only the *Ruling State* in the world but, also, the most magnificent State ever witnessed. With Solomon's Israel the Israelite people experienced the Golden Age.

Muhammad (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*)

Finally the *Qur'an* made a fifth reference to the Holy or Blessed Land when it described the miraculous night-time journey of Prophet Muhammad ('alaihi al-Salam) from Makkah to Jerusalem and then into the heavens:

“Glory to (Allah) Who did take His servant for a Journey by night from the Sacred Masjid to the Farthest Masjid, whose surrounding (territory) We did bless, in order that We might show him some of Our Signs: for He is the One Who Hears and Sees (all things).”

(*Qur'an, Banu Israil, 17:1*)

That farthest *Masjid* (Temple) was identified by Prophet Muhammad ('alaihi al-Salam) as *Masjid al-Aqsa*, the *Masjid* that was built by Prophet Solomon ('alaihi al-Salam) in Jerusalem:

“Narrated Jabir bin Abdullah who heard Allah's Apostle saying: When the people of Quraish did not believe me (i.e. the story of my Night Journey), I stood up in al-Hijr and Allah displayed Jerusalem in front of me, and I began describing it to them while I was looking at it.”

(Sahih Bukhari)

The Prophet ('alaihi al-Salam) went on to restrict Muslims from undertaking any sacred journey other than to three places:

“Narrated Abu Hurairah: The Prophet ('alaihi al-Salam) said: Do not set out on a journey except for three Masajid (plural of Masjid) i.e. al-Masjid al-Haram (in Makkah), the Masjid of Allah's Messenger (in Madina), and Masjid al-Aqsa (in Jerusalem).”

(Bukhari)

“Narrated Maimunah ibn Sa'ad: I said: Apostle of Allah, tell us the legal injunction about (visiting) Bait al-Muqaddas (Jerusalem). The Apostle of Allah said: Go and pray there. (But) all the cities at that time were affected by war. (So he added) If you cannot visit it and pray there, then send some oil to be used in the lamps (i.e. send support).”

(Sunan Abu Dawud)

The Roman army under General Titus destroyed *Masjid al-Aqsa* (the Temple built by Solomon ('alaihi al-Salam) in 70 AC. It was still lying in ruins when the Muslim army conquered Jerusalem during the rule of Caliph Umar (ra). It was he who ordered that

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the present *Masjid al-Aqsa* be built on the site of the ruins of the original Temple (*Masjid*) built by Solomon ('alaihi al-Salam).

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PART ONE

Chapter 4

THE QUR'AN DECLARED THAT THE HOLY LAND, INCLUDING JERUSALEM, WAS GIVEN TO THE ISRAELITES

“Remember Moses said to his people: O my People! Remember the favour of Allah unto you, when He produced prophets among you, made you kings, and gave you what He had not given to any other among the peoples.

“O my people! Enter the Holy Land which Allah gave to you, and turn not back ignominiously, for then will you be overthrown, to your own ruin.”

(Qur'an, al-Maidah, 5:20-1)

Daniel Pipes, in his article published in the Los Angeles Times ('*Jerusalem means more to Jews than to Muslims*' July 21, 2000), attempts to dismiss the Islamic claim to Jerusalem by declaring of Jerusalem, among other things, that: "*It is not once mentioned in the Qur'an or in the liturgy*".

It is true that the word 'Jerusalem' does not explicitly occur in the *Qur'an*, but that appears to be in consequence of Divine Wisdom. The *Qur'an* refers to Jerusalem in an enigmatic way (and appropriately so) as a *city* that was destroyed, its people expelled, and banned from ever returning to reclaim it. The ban would remain in force until such time when Gog and Magog come forth (see *Qur'an, al-Anbiyah*, 21:95-6.) The Arabic name for Jerusalem '*Bait al-Maqdis*' occurs several times in the *Ahadith*. The Roman name 'Aelia' also occurs in a very important prophecy of Prophet Muhammad (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*).

It is amazing, really, that Dr. Pipes should have chosen to ignore those verses of the *Qur'an* that unambiguously declared that the Holy Land (of which Jerusalem is the very heart) was given by Allah Most High to the Jews. When Moses ('*alaihi al-Salam*') took the Israelite people out of slavery in Egypt, and they had miraculously crossed the

sea and entered Sinai, Moses ('alaihi al-Salam) addressed them and ordered them to make the effort to win control of the Holy Land. He said:

“Oh my people, enter into the Holy Land which Allah gave to you, and do not turn back (since such will be a betrayal of your faith) for then you will be lost (which also includes the loss of the Holy Land).”

“They replied: Oh Moses, there are ferocious people dwelling in that land, and we will not enter it unless and until they depart from it. If they leave, then we will enter it” (see also: Numbers 13:32-33).

“Then spoke two God-fearing men (Joshua and Caleb according to the Torah) who had been blessed by Allah: Enter upon them by the gate (i.e., make a frontal attack) for if ye enter by it, lo! You will be victorious. So put your trust (in Allah) if ye are indeed believers.”

(Qur'an, al-Maida, 5:21-23)

The Jews responded to Moses ('alaihi al-Salam) with an answer that was so insulting that Allah Most High immediately prohibited their entry into the Holy Land:

“They said: O Moses! We will never enter (the Holy Land) while they are in it. So go thou and thy Lord and fight! We will sit here. He said: My Lord! I have control over none but my brother and myself so hold us apart from these sinful rebellious people.

“(Their Lord) said: For this (act of betrayal) the land (i.e., the Holy Land) will surely be forbidden them for forty years. They will wander in the earth (Sinai) bewildered. So grieve not (Moses) over these sinful rebellious people.”

(Qur'an, al-Maida, 5:24-6)

The *Qur'an* actually reconfirmed elsewhere the declaration that the Holy Land was given to the Jews:

("Pharaoh) sought to wipe them [the Israelites] off the face of the earth. But We (Allah) drowned him (Pharaoh) together with all who were with him. Then We (Allah) said to the Israelites: 'Dwell in security in the land (i.e., the Holy Land)'... ”

(Qur'an, Banu Israil, 17:103-104)

and again:

“Whereas unto a people who (in the past) had been deemed utterly low (and of no account), We gave as their heritage the Eastern and Western parts of the (Holy) Land that We had blessed. And (thus) the fair promise of thy Lord was fulfilled for the Children of Israel, because they had patience and constancy in adversity, whereas We utterly destroyed all that Pharaoh and his people had wrought and all that they had built (with such pride).”

(Qur'an, al-'Araf, 7:137)

Again it amazes me that Jewish and Zionist scholarship should so studiously have avoided quoting these plain statements in which the *Qur'an* declared that the Holy Land was given to the Jews:

“Oh my people enter into the Holy Land which Allah gave to you....”

“Then We (Allah) said to the Israelites: ‘Dwell in security in the (Holy) Land’....”

“We gave as their heritage the Eastern and Western parts of the (Holy) Land that We had blessed.”

Our readers who sincerely seek the Truth in respect of the subject of the destiny of Jerusalem should ponder over this reluctance on the part of Euro-Jewish, Zionist and Israelite scholarship to refer to the *Qur'an* on this matter. This book offers an explanation for that strange behavior. The explanation resides in their reluctance to reveal the corruption of the divine conditions in the Torah which Allah Most High had ordained for inheritance of the Holy Land. The fraud in the rewritten Torah is exposed in the *Qur'an*. What was that fraud?

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PART ONE

Chapter 5

DIVINE CONDITIONS FOR INHERITING THE HOLY LAND

“And We declared in the Zabur (i.e., the Psalms) which followed (Our declaration in) the Zikr (i.e., the Torah) that it is (only) those servants of Mine who are righteous in their conduct who would inherit the (Holy) Land.”

(Qur'an, al-Anbiyah, 21:105)

Had Dr. Pipes been aware of the passage of the *Qur'an* which declared that the Holy Land was given to the Jews (and it is impossible that he was unaware of it) he should then have asked: What right do Muslims have to dispossess Jews of a land (and the city which is its very heart) which Allah Most High had given to them? The reason he did not do so is because it would have opened a ‘Pandora’s box’. Firstly, he does not want to direct attention to the *Qur'an*, particularly as it deals with Jews and the Holy Land. Secondly, the answer to that question is located in another verse of the *Qur'an* in which Allah Most High recalled that the Jewish right to Jerusalem and the Holy Land was ‘conditional’ *on faith and righteous conduct*. Faith, of course, meant faithful observance of the religion of Abraham:

“And We declared in the Zabur (i.e., the Psalms) which followed (Our declaration in) the Zikr (i.e., the Torah) that it is (only) those servants of Mine who are righteous in their conduct who would inherit the (Holy) Land.”

(Qur'an, al-Anbiyah, 21:105)

It is clear that when the *Qur'an* used the word ‘earth’ or ‘land’ as above, it did not refer to the whole earth. If it did, that would then have been a manifestly false statement. Those who control the earth today, and whose representatives are gathered in New York for their Millennium Summit even as we write, are the dregs of humanity. They are the finest possible representatives of the deceptive, decadent, oppressive and essentially godless, secular modern world order, representing the blood-sucking elite that has now enslaved mankind in a new sophisticated economic

slavery based on *Riba*. Those like Fidel Castro who have been championing the cause of the oppressed must feel totally out of place in such a gathering.

But the Word of Allah Most High is always Truth. Hence the word ‘earth’ or ‘land’ in the verse does not refer to the whole earth. To which land, then, does it refer? The answer is clearly present in the Torah and Psalms. It is even there in the Gospel as well (In present translations of the Gospel this is unrecognizable). It is the ‘Holy Land’! But all translations use ‘the earth’:

“What man is he that fears the Lord? Him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose. His soul shall dwell at ease; and his seed shall inherit the (Holy) Land. The secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him; and He will show them His Covenant.”

(Psalm, 25:12-14)

“But the meek shall inherit the (Holy) Land; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.”

(Psalm, 37:11)

“The righteous shall inherit the (Holy) Land, and dwell therein forever (i.e. provided that they remain righteous).”

(Psalm, 37:29)

“Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the (Holy) Land.

(Matthew, 5:5)

The proof that the word ‘earth’ or ‘land’ in this context refers to the Holy Land is to be found in the Qur'anic text that declared that the Israelites would commit *Fasad* (awesome oppression and wickedness) in the ‘earth’ or ‘land’ on two occasions:

“And We gave (clear) warning to the Israelites in the Book, that twice would they commit Fasad (corruption and awesome oppression) on the earth and be elated with mighty arrogance (and twice would they be punished)! ”

(*Qur'an, Banu Israil, 17:4*)

By universal consent it is allowed that the word ‘earth’ or ‘land’ in the above verse refers to the Holy Land! And so the scriptures all speak with one voice, that faith and righteous conduct are the conditions by which the Jews could take lawful possession of the Holy Land and dwell therein.

Someone rewrote the Torah, however, to remove this condition.

He wrote:

“Know therefore that it is not because of your righteousness that the Lord, your God, has given you this good land to possess it; for you are a stiff-necked people.”

(Deuteronomy, 9:6)

Dr. Pipes may not find it convenient to defend this monstrous lie perpetrated against Allah Most High and the religion of Abraham (*'alaihi al-Salam*). But it does not take much, in terms of common sense, ethical wisdom, and spiritual insight, to discern the above statement to be false. It is incompatible with that perfect standard of justice that must come from a perfect Divine Being. It is, in fact, a forgery! And it was designed to nullify the divine condition imposed upon the Jews for them to inherit the Holy Land. If this particular land was chosen by Allah Most High and was specially blessed by Him, why then would He give it unconditionally to a “*stiff-necked people*” regardless of whether they acted righteously, or stubbornly resisted conforming to the ethical standard of righteous conduct?

Secondly, the historical record confirms that the Jews were expelled time and again, by divine decree, from Jerusalem and the Holy Land. This took place whenever they violated the condition of faith and righteous conduct. The *Qur'an* made mention of these expulsions and then, after the last expulsion, Allah Most High declared His intention to keep on expelling them whenever they returned to the Holy Land with conduct which violated the divinely stipulated conditions. (*Qur'an, al-Anbiyah, 21:105*). Many Israelite Jews (who are not European) readily admit that they brought upon themselves repeated Divine expulsions from the Holy Land because of their sinful ways. The essentially godless secular European Zionists refuse to accept such a theory.

The Jews respond by arguing that the quoted verse of *Deuteronomy, 9:6* was meant to simply remind the Jews that the grant of the land to them was in consequence of the faith and righteousness of their ancestor, Abraham (*'alaihi al-Salam*). In other words, they did not earn or inherit it because of their own righteousness.

This argument does not nullify the implication of the verse, i.e., that the Land was granted to them unconditionally. And the *Qur'an* declares such to be false. The Qur'anic declaration is clear. The Land was given to *Banu Israil* conditionally. The conditions were ‘faith in Allah and submission to Him’ and ‘righteous conduct’ (*Qur'an, al-Anbiyah, 21:105*).

Some six hundred years after the last expulsion of the Jews from the Holy Land, Allah Most High caused the Muslims to inherit that Land when the Muslim army conquered it and the Caliph Umar was requested to come personally to Jerusalem to receive the keys to the city. On that day the prophecy to that effect in the *Qur'an* was fulfilled:

“It is He Who has made you inheritors of the (Holy) Land: He has raised some of you by degrees above others that He might test you through that which He bestowed upon you (Banu Israil got more than any other people): for thy Lord is swift in punishment: yet He is indeed Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful.”

(*Qur'an, al-An'am, 6:165*)

Allah Most High ordained that the Muslims would inherit the Holy Land. Thus did the Truth triumph over Falsehood. When they did take control over the Holy Land they continued to rule over it (apart for a brief period) for more than twelve hundred

years. That was a clear Sign from the heavens of Divine approval of Muslim rule over the Holy Land! Jewish scholarship should offer an explanation for this uninterrupted Muslim rule over the Holy Land for this long period of time - a Muslim rule both just and God-fearing!

When European Zionists deceived the Israelite Jews into joining them in a stubborn ‘pig-headed’ effort to return to the Holy Land, in what they claimed was a divinely-ordained restoration of the State of Israel, that was a clear Sign for the Israelite Jews that the Zionist call was false. It was a lie! The divinely ordained conditions of faith in the religion of Abraham and of righteous conduct were plainly absent in the Zionist struggle for Israel. And when Israel itself was established, the foundations of the State were the same as those of the modern secular State. The foundations of the modern secular State are *Shirk* and *Kufr* and these constitute the very negation of the religion of Abraham (*'alaihi al-Salam*). That subject is explained in Part Two of this book.

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PART ONE

Chapter 6

DIVINE EXPULSIONS OF THE JEWS FROM THE HOLY LAND BECAUSE OF VIOLATIONS OF THE CONDITIONS OF INHERITANCE

“And We gave warning to Banu Israil through revelation, that twice would they corrupt the (Holy) Land and be elated with mighty arrogance (and twice would they be punished)! When the first of the warnings came to pass, We sent against you Our servants who were capable of terrible warfare. They entered the very inmost parts of your homes, and it was a warning fulfilled. And after a time We allowed you to prevail against them once again, and aided you with wealth and offspring, and made you more numerous.

If you persevere in doing good you will do so for your own good; whereas if you commit evil you will (yourself) bear the consequences.

And so when the prediction of the second (period of wickedness) came true, (We raised new enemies against you and allowed them) to disgrace you utterly, and to enter the Temple as (their forerunners) had entered it once before, and to destroy with utter destruction all that they had conquered.”

(Qur'an, Banu Israil, 17:4-7)

Surah Banu Israil of the *Qur'an* (*Surah No. 17*) records the history of Jerusalem that exposes the following fraudulent statement in the Torah:

“Know therefore that it is not because of your righteousness that the Lord, your God has given you this good land to possess it; for you are a stiff-necked people.”

(Deuteronomy , 9:6)

The statement is fraudulent because it establishes the foundation for the belief that the Divine grant of the Holy Land to the Jews was unconditional. In other words, it allows a Jew to argue that the Holy Land would still belong to the Jews even if they

were not righteous in their conduct since righteousness was not a condition for their inheritance of that Holy Land. The Jew would argue that Abraham ('alaihi al-Salaam) was righteous and, in consequence of his righteousness, the Land was given to him and to his progeny! Thereafter no violation of the standard of righteous conduct by the Jewish people could invalidate their right to the Holy Land. After all, the Torah was quite plain and clear on the subject:

"Therefore impress these My words upon your very heart: bind them as a sign on your hand and let them serve as a symbol on your forehead, and teach them to your children reciting them when you stay at home and when you are away, and when you lie down and when you get up; and inscribe them on the door posts of your house and on your gates to the end that you and your children may endure, in the Land (i.e., Holy Land) that the Lord swore to your fathers to give to them, as long as there is a heaven over the earth. If you faithfully keep all the instructions that I command you, loving the Lord your God, walking in His ways, and holding fast to Him, the Lord will dislodge before you all these nations: you will dispossess nations greater and more numerous than you. Every spot on which your foot treads shall be yours; your territory shall extend from the wilderness to the Lebanon and from the River Euphrates to the Western Sea. No man shall stand up to you: the Lord your God will put the dread and the fear of you over the whole land in which you set foot, as He promised you."

(Deuteronomy , 11:18-25)

(The article by Michael Avi-Yonah in the Jewish Encyclopedia declares that "David ('alaihi al-Salaam), in the course of his conquests, made Jerusalem the center of an empire extending from Egypt to the Euphrates, although it was only in the reign of his successor, Solomon, that full advantage was taken of this fact.")

But *Deuteronomy 9:6 as well as 11:18-25* are false in so far as they exclude righteousness and faith as conditions for inheritance of the Holy Land! The *Qur'an* not only reaffirmed 'righteousness' as the condition for such inheritance (*Surah al-Anbiyah*, 21:105), but went on to direct attention to the historical evidence that violation of that condition always resulted in Divine expulsion from the (Holy) Land. The *Surah* recounted (at least) two occasions when the Israelite people so betrayed the religion of Abraham ('alaihi al-Salaam) and the standard of righteous conduct that Allah Most High expelled them from the Holy Land.

On the first occasion in 587 BCE, a Babylonian army led by Nebuchadnezzar laid siege to Jerusalem, then burned the city, murdered its inhabitants, destroyed the *Masjid* built by Solomon ('alaihi al-Salaam), and carried the cream of the Jewish population into slavery in Babylon. The Prophet Jeremiah had warned them that this would happen (*Jeremiah: 32:36*), exactly as Allah, the Supreme, had declared in the *Qur'an* that He never destroys a people before sending a warning to them (*Qur'an, Banu Israil, 17:15-16*).

They were so punished because, among other things, they changed the Torah to make *Halal* (permissible) that which Allah, the Supreme, had made *Haram*

(prohibited). They rewrote the Torah to make it permissible for them to lend money on interest to those who were not Jews while yet prohibiting such in intra-Jewish transactions:

“Thou shalt not lend on interest to thy brother (Jew); whether it be lending money on interest, or lending commodities on interest (because commodities were sometimes used as money) or lending on interest anything which is lent on interest (i.e., anything which functions as money). Unto a stranger (i.e., one who is not a Jew) you may lend on interest...”

(Deuteronomy , 23:19-20)

On the second occasion they were again expelled from the Holy Land because of their killing of the Prophets of Allah (*see, for example, Qur'an, al-Baqarah, 2:61*). They killed Zakariah ('alaihi al-Salaam) in the *Masjid*. John ('alaihi al-Salaam), his son, was killed by deception. Jesus ('alaihi al-Salaam) referred to this killing of the Prophets, and he minced no words in his fierce condemnation of this heinous crime:

“This is why the wisdom of God said: I will send them Prophets and Messengers. Some they will kill and some they will persecute. It was that the blood of all the Prophets shed from the foundation of the world might be charged upon this generation (of Jews), from the blood of Abel down to the blood of Zakariah, who was slain between the altar and the House of God - yes, I tell you, it will all be charged upon this generation....”

(Luke, 11:49-51)

Finally they boasted of how they killed the Messiah, Jesus, the son of Mary (but Allah, the All-Powerful, saved him from death):

“That they said (in boast): We killed the Messiah, Jesus the son of Mary, the Messenger of Allah; but they killed him not, nor crucified him, but so it was made to appear to them, and those who differ therein are full of doubts, with no (certain) knowledge, but only conjecture to follow, for of a surety they killed him not.”

(Qur'an, al-Nisa, 4:157)

It was after this that Allah Most High punished them for the second time. A Roman army led by General Titus besieged Jerusalem in 70CE. Titus destroyed the city of Jerusalem, murdered the inhabitants and expelled the remnant of Jews from the Holy Land. The *Masjid* was again destroyed and soldiers tore it apart, stone by stone, in search of melted gold exactly as Jesus ('alaihi al-Salaam) had warned and prophesied "not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

(See Qur'an, Banu Israil, 17:4-7):

“And We gave (clear) warning to Banu Israil through revelation, that twice would they corrupt the (Holy) Land and be elated with mighty arrogance (and twice would they be punished)! ”

“When the first of the warnings came to pass, We sent against you Our servants capable of terrible warfare.” “They entered the very inmost parts of your homes; and it was a warning (completely) fulfilled.”

“And after a time We allowed you to prevail against them once again, and aided you with wealth and offspring, and made you more numerous (than ever).”

“(And We said) “If you persevere in doing good you will but be doing good to yourselves; and if you do evil it will be done to yourselves.” And so when the prediction of the second (period of iniquity) came true, (We raised new enemies against you and allowed them) to disgrace you utterly, and to enter the Temple as (their forerunners) had entered it once before, and to destroy with utter destruction all that they had conquered.”

(*Qur'an, Banu Israil, 17:4-7*)

“....soon shall I show you the homes of the wicked (how they lie desolate).”
(*Qur'an, al-'Araf, 7:145*)

The *Qur'an* referred to the Temple that was twice destroyed, as ‘al-Masjid’. But just before doing so it described the miraculous journey of Prophet Muhammad ('alaihi al-Salaam) (i.e., *al-Isra* and *Mi'raj*) as a journey from *al-Masjid al-Haram* (in Makkah) to *al-Masjid al-Aqsa* (i.e. the distant Temple):

“Glory to (Allah) Who did take His servant for a Journey by night from the Sacred Mosque to the Farthest Mosque, whose precincts We did bless, in order that We might show him some of Our Signs: for He is the One Who hears and sees (all things).”
(*Qur'an, Banu Israil, 17:1*)

The *Masjid* of the Qur'anic verse, which was twice destroyed, could not have been any other than the *Masjid* built by Solomon ('alaihi al-Salaam) in Jerusalem. The Prophet ('alaihi al-Salaam) himself confirmed this. It is this same *Masjid* that is described above as *Masjid al-Aqsa* to which the Prophet ('alaihi al-Salaam) was taken by night on a miraculous journey. The *Qur'an* explained that he was taken there in order to be shown some of the ‘Signs’ of Allah, Most High. More than anything else those ‘Signs’ related to the destiny of Jerusalem.

After punishing the Jews for a second time by expelling them from the Holy Land, Allah Most High declared His intention to keep on punishing them (and expelling them) if they kept on desecrating the Holy Land with violations of the condition of faith and righteous conduct:

“....but if ye revert (to your violation of the condition imposed for inheritance of the Holy Land) We shall revert (to Our punishments. i.e., you will be expelled again and again)....”

(*Qur'an, Banu Israil, 17:8*)

The destiny of Jerusalem is plainly written in the above warning and firm declaration in the *Qur'an*. This remains so regardless of any, or all, or the following:

- agreements negotiated in Camp David or elsewhere between the secular nationalist representatives of the Palestinian people and the secular nationalist European Jewry who presume to represent *Banu Israil*, or
- resolutions of the US Senate and House of Representatives which have replaced the British Parliament as the Ultimate Patron and Protector of the Jewish State, or
- resolutions of the UN Security Council or General Assembly which assume the status of world government,

The destiny of Jerusalem is plainly visible in the context of the awesome godlessness, decadence and oppression, which now pollutes the Holy Land. Some of this has been described in subsequent chapters of this book in the analysis of the political *Shirk* of the State of Israel and the *Riba* of its economy. It is Israel's destiny that it will be subjected to the same divine punishment that it experienced twice before. The first divine punishment came in the form of a Babylonian army that destroyed Israel. The second time it was a Roman army. And the third and last time it would be a Muslim army which would destroy the Jewish State.

The Divine ‘Signs’ that were shown to Prophet Muhammad (*'alaihi al-Salaam*) during his miraculous visit to Jerusalem were ‘Signs’ which, among other things, revealed to him the destiny of Jerusalem. This matter seems to have escaped the attention of Daniel Pipes.

The Last Prophet (*'alaihi al-Salaam*) saw the Last Age. He saw with his spiritual eyes the return of the Jews in that age to the Holy Land. He saw the creation of the Impostor State of Israel, and the godlessness, decadence and awesome oppression that it would visit upon the Holy Land. He saw the return of Jesus (*'alaihi al-Salaam*), the son of Mary, and the destruction of Israel by a Muslim army. And he saw the Truth, Justice and Righteousness in the religion of Abraham (*'alaihi al-Salaam*) that the ‘true’ Messiah will restore to the Holy Land when he returns.

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PART ONE

Chapter 7

TURN FROM JERUSALEM TO MAKKAH

“Will they not travel through the earth so that they may thus learn wisdom and their ears may thus learn to hear? Truly it is not their eyes that are blind, but (rather) their hearts which are in their chests.”

(Qur'an, al-Hajj, 22:46)

[I.e. Will they not travel through the earth perchance that their dead hearts might come alive, so that with such hearts and minds, which are now internally alive, they may thus learn wisdom and their ears may thus learn to hear, i.e., with internal hearing? Truly it is not their eyes that are blind, but, rather, their hearts that are in their chests.]

Jewish religious scholarship recognized a Jewish relationship with the Holy Land, the city of Jerusalem, and the Temple of Solomon (*'alaihi al-Salaam*), to be matters connected with the very substance of ‘faith’. As a consequence of that belief they concluded that the religion of Judaism would forever remain incomplete unless and until Jews returned to a liberated Holy Land, restored the State of Israel with Holy Jerusalem as the capital of that State, and reconstructed the Temple of Solomon (*'alaihi al-Salaam*). Zionism had no such sacred attachment or relationship with the Land, the city, or the Temple. The Zionist ties to these entities were based on grounds that were essentially political, historic, secular and national.

The *Qur'an* declared, on the other hand, that the substance of religion resided in ‘faith’ (and righteous conduct) – ‘faith’ in Allah Most High, His Angels, His Revealed Scriptures, His Messengers or Prophets, the Last Day, the Resurrection and Judgment, Heaven and Hell, etc. Allah Most High is the ‘Truth’. ‘Faith’ resides in the human heart. When ‘Faith’ is achieved then ‘Truth’ enters the heart! Allah Most High is greater than a Land, or a City, or a Temple. *“My heavens and My earth are too small to contain Me. But the heart of My faithful servant can contain Me”* (*Hadith al-Qudsi*).

When the Last Prophet ('alaihi al-Salaam) came into the world Jewish scholarship was incapacitated in respect of formally recognizing him as a Prophet because of this fixation with the 'external form' of religion and inadequate recognition of the 'internal substance' of religion. Muhammad ('alaihi al-Salaam), the Arab, was not a Jew, hence, they argued, he could not be a Prophet to the Jews. After the arrival of the Prophet ('alaihi al-Salaam) in their very midst in the *Hejazi* city of *Yathrib* (now *Madina*), he fasted with the Jews on the days when they fasted and in accordance with the law of fasting in the Torah (sunset to sunset). He also performed his *Salat* (prescribed prayers) while facing in the direction of Jerusalem. When after seventeen months it became clear that the Jews had not only rejected Muhammad ('alaihi al-Salaam) as a Prophet of Allah Most High and the *Qur'an* as the word of Allah Most High but were also conspiring to destroy the unity and power of the community of Muslims, Allah Most High ordered the Prophet to turn away from Jerusalem in prayer and to turn instead to Makkah.

This change in *Qiblah* (direction of prayer) provoked the Jews to make many critical comments. It was an affront to them that this change should have taken place since they believed that the very substance of religion was located in attachment to Jerusalem. The *Qur'an* responded to their criticisms with contempt:

“The fools among the people will say: What hath turned them from the Qiblah to which they were used? Say: To Allah belong East and West: He guides whom He will to a Way that is straight.”

(*Qur'an, al-Baqarah, 2:142*)

The *Qur'an* declared the Jews to be so imprisoned by the false belief that Jerusalem belonged to the heart and center of faith that nothing in the world could change it:

“Even if you were to bring to the People of the Book all the Signs (together), they would not follow your Qiblah...”

(*Qur'an, al-Baqarah, 2:145*)

Finally the *Qur'an* responded with a declaration that demolished the false belief that Jerusalem, the city, and its Temple, were located at the substance of the religion of Abraham ('alaihi al-Salaam):

“It is not righteousness that you turn your faces towards East or West; but it is righteousness to have faith in Allah, and the Last Day, and the Angels, and the Book, and the Messengers; to spend of your wealth, out of love for Him (or despite your love for wealth) for your relatives, for orphans, for the needy, for the traveler, for those who ask, and for the ransom of slaves; (righteousness is) to be steadfast in prayer, and practice regular charity, to fulfill contracts which you make; and to be firm and patient, in pain (or suffering) and adversity, and throughout all periods of panic. Such are the people of Truth, the God-fearing.”

(*Qur'an, al-Baqarah, 2:177*)

And so no negative implication for Islam should be derived from this event of the turning away by Muslims from Jerusalem, and turning to Makkah, other than the clear

Qur'anic attempt to correct the religious perspective of those who located the substance of religion in a geographical framework. The Qur'anic message to the Jews was very clear. The Jews were informed that although Muhammad ('alaihi al-Salaam) was not a Jew, and although he no longer prayed in the direction of Jerusalem, and although he never made any attempt whatsoever to liberate Jerusalem, yet he was still a true Prophet of the God of Abraham and the religion which he preached was the true religion of Abraham, Moses, David, Solomon, and of the Messiah, the son of Mary! And so the change in *Qiblah* was an ominous sign for the stubborn Jew who insisted that Jerusalem was the spiritual heart of the religion of Abraham.

If the divine wrath did not come down upon Muhammad ('alaihi al-Salaam) after he turned away from Jerusalem, then the implication would be that a 'true' Prophet could turn away from Jerusalem and yet remain a 'true' Prophet. Not only did Muhammad ('alaihi al-Salaam) suffer in no way in consequence of 'turning away' from Jerusalem, but, rather, he went on to convincingly defeat a Jewish people who insisted that they were the 'chosen people' of the God of Abraham.

And so it is clear that there were no such political implications to be derived from the change of *Qiblah* to the effect that *Islam*, the religion, no longer had any ties with Jerusalem... On the contrary, the *Qur'an* affirms that Muhammad ('alaihi al-Salaam), and those who follow him, are the true followers of the religion of Abraham:

"Without doubt, among men, the nearest of men to Abraham (i.e., closest to him in respect of following his religion), are those who followed him, as are also this Prophet (i.e., Muhammad) and those who believe (i.e., believe in him and in the Book which was revealed to him): and Allah is the Protecting Friend of those who have Faith."

(Qur'an, Ale 'Imran, 3:68)

The implication of this declaration of the *Qur'an* is quite clear. It is those who faithfully follow Muhammad ('alaihi al-Salaam) who have the right to inherit the Holy Land. It is the destiny of Jerusalem to confirm this truth.

Window of opportunity for Jews to earn Allah's Mercy

The change in *Qiblah* had implications which were even more important than the above.

When the Jews worshipped the 'Golden Calf' while Moses ('alaihi al-Salaam) was on Mt. Sinai, and when they changed the Torah and rewrote it to make *Halal* that which Allah had made *Haram*, and when they boasted of how they had killed the Messiah, the son of Mary, these constituted the most heinous incidents in their continuous betrayal of their Covenant with Allah. Allah responded to all of these monstrously sinful deeds with a declaration that they had but one 'window of opportunity' through which they could avert the 'greatest of all punishments' that He had reserved for them. That 'window of opportunity' would be the Arab Prophet, Muhammad ('alaihi al-Salaam), who would be the Last of all the Prophets. If they accepted him and believed in him then they could earn Divine Forgiveness and Mercy. This promise was recorded

in the Qur'an in the following passage in which He addressed the Jews and delivered His response to their monstrous sins and violations of the Covenant as follows:

“... He said: “With My Punishment I visit whom I will; but My Mercy extendeth to all things. That (Mercy) I shall ordain for those who do right, and practice regular charity, and those who believe in Our Signs.”

“Those who follow the Messenger, the (Gentile) unlettered Prophet, whom they find mentioned in their own (Scriptures) - in the Torah and the Gospel - for he commands them what is just and forbids them what is evil; he allows them as lawful what is good (and pure) and prohibits them from what is bad (and impure); he releases them from their heavy burdens and from the yokes that are upon them. So it is those who believe in him, honour him, help him, and follow the Light which is sent down with him, it is they who will prosper.”

(Qur'an, al-'Araf, 7:156-7)

It was very clear that the (above) Qur'anic passage referred to Prophet Muhammad ('alaihi al-Salaam).

When the Prophet ('alaihi al-Salaam) arrived in Madina he did a number of things that should easily have convinced the Jews and their Rabbis that he was indeed a true Prophet of Allah, and that he was the Prophet on whom they were in wait : -

- During the first seventeen months of his stay in Madina he prayed in the direction of Jerusalem. He did so because that was the *Qiblah* to which the Jews prayed, hence that was the *Qiblah* for those who worshipped in accordance with the religion of Abraham ('alaihi al-Salaam). But for an Arab to do such a thing in Madina he had to turn his back on the *Ka'aba*, the ancient House of Allah in Makkah that every Arab venerated. That act of the Prophet ('alaihi al-Salaam) was sufficient to have convinced the Jews that he was indeed a true Prophet.
- But he did more than that. He also fasted with the Jews on the days when they fasted and in accordance with the law of fasting in the Torah (from sunset to sunset). No Arab had ever fasted like that in all history. But the entire Muslim community of Madina now fasted that way. This should have convinced the Jews that Muhammad ('alaihi al-Salaam) was indeed a true Prophet.
- Finally something else occurred which should have sealed the matter once and for all. The Jews brought before the Prophet ('alaihi al-Salaam) two people who had committed *zina* (sexual intercourse between two people who are not married to each other). They sought to test him by asking him what should be done to the two people. He asked them what punishment did they enforce. They replied to the effect that they made the faces black and then beat such people publicly. He then asked whether this was the punishment that they found in their Book.

He asked them to bring their Book and to read from it (since he, himself, could neither read nor write). As they read from the Torah their Rabbi, Abdullah bin Salaam, who had become a Muslim, stood beside the Prophet ('alaihi al-Salaam). When the reader came to the verse on *rajm* (stoning to death) in the Torah he put his finger over the verse to hide it. Abdullah bin Salaam ordered him to stop reading and to raise his finger. He then had to read the verse of *rajm* that prescribed this punishment for *zina*. The recitation of this verse caused considerable embarrassment to the Jews. They had been exposed as a people who had betrayed their own sacred law and were trying to conceal that betrayal. The Prophet ('alaihi al-Salaam) then ordered that the two people be stoned to death thus enforcing the Jewish law that the Jews themselves were not enforcing. This should have been sufficient to absolutely convince the Jews that he was, indeed, a true Prophet.

After seventeen months had elapsed since the arrival of the Prophet ('alaihi al-Salaam) in Madina it became clear that the Jews had not only rejected him as a Prophet, and rejected the Qur'an as the Word of Allah, but were conspiring to destroy Islam. It was at this time that Allah, Most High, responded as follows : -

- He changed the *Qiblah* (turn from Jerusalem, turn to Makkah!). He also sent down revelation making 'fighting' (*Qital*) and 'fasting' (*Saum*) compulsory! All three revelations came down in the same month of *Shaban*.
- In the process of promulgating the fast of Ramadan Allah Most High changed the Law of Fasting that was in the Torah. The new Law made it compulsory to fast from 'dawn' to 'sunset'. Permission was thus given to eat and drink and to engage in sexual relations during the hours of darkness.
- Finally, Allah Most High changed the law of punishment for *zina*. The new law was a public flogging!

The first implication of the change of Law was that the Jewish Law was now abrogated. It no longer had any operational validity.

But the more ominous implication became clear when, sometime later, the Prophet ('alaihi al-Salaam) had a dream or a vision in which it was revealed to him that the release of Gog and Magog had commenced. He also dramatically confirmed the release of *Dajjal*, the False Messiah, when he went with Umar (ra) to meet with a Jewish boy named Ibn Sayyad whom he suspected to have been *Dajjal*. The message that *Dajjal* was now released on earth was made quite clear when Umar sought permission to cut off Ibn Sayyad's head and Prophet ('alaihi al-Salaam) refused permission with the words: "If he is *Dajjal* you cannot kill him. And if he is not *Dajjal* then it would be sinful to kill him." (*Sahih Muslim*)

If *Dajjal* was now released, and so too Gog and Magog, then the implication would be that the Last Age, or the Age of *Fitan*, commenced in the lifetime of the Prophet (s)

after the change of *Qiblah*. The ‘door’ or ‘window of opportunity’ for the Jews to earn Divine Mercy was now forever closed and the greatest Divine punishment would now commence. (See chapter 12, sub-heading 7)

Never again would the Jews ever qualify to inherit the Holy Land. The only time they would ever return to it to take control over it would be at that time when Gog and Magog have *spread out in every direction* and have therefore taken control of the world in the World-Order of Gog and Magog. But that would be a part of the great Divine Plan through which the Jews would now be inflicted with the greatest Divine punishment ever.

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PART ONE

Chapter 8

JESUS, THE TRUE MESSIAH, AND DAJJAL, THE FALSE MESSIAH

“We shall confound their hearts and eyes in consequence of their previous rejection of this (message). And We shall leave them in their obstinate rejection (of this revealed Truth), to wander in distraction (or to live in a state of aimlessness and drift).”

(Qur'an, al-An'am, 6:110)

[I.e. We shall confound their Jewish hearts and eyes in consequence of their previous rejection of this message when, among other things, they rejected the Messiah, son of the Virgin Mary.]

JESUS THE MESSIAH

Prophets of Allah Most High communicated to *Banu Israil* a divine promise to send to them a Prophet who would be their Prophet, who would be known as the Messiah, and who would rule the world from the throne of King David ('alaihi al-Salaam). This, in fact, amounted to a prophecy of the return of the golden age of Solomon ('alaihi al-Salaam).

In *1 Chronicles*, 17:11-15, the Prophet Nathan spoke to King David about the Messiah and called him *the Son of David*:

“And it shall come to pass, when your days have expired and you must go to be with your fathers, that I will raise up one of your descendants after you, who shall be of your sons, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build for Me a house, and I will establish his throne forever. I will be his father, and he will be My son: and I will not take My mercy away from

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him, as I took it from him that was before thee: But I will settle him in My house and in My kingdom forever; and his throne shall be established forever more”.

(1 Chronicles, 17:11-15)

Years later Isaiah added to this as follows:

“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder (i.e., he will rule the world): and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end (i.e., he will rule the world eternally) upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgement and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.”

(Isaiah 9:6-7)

Isaiah further wrote of him that:

“Behold My servant, in whom my soul delighteth: I have put my spirit unto him: he shall bring forth judgement to the Gentiles.

He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street.

A bruised reed shall he not break , and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgement unto truth.

He shall not fail nor be discouraged, ‘till he have set judgement unto the earth : and the isles shall wait for his law.

(Isaiah: 42:1-4)

I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.

(Isaiah: 49:6)

{While Jewish scholarship recognized these prophecies as pertaining to the advent of the Messiah there are Muslim scholars who declare that the prophesies refer to the advent of Prophet Muhammad (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*).}

Prophet Muhammad (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) declared that he, the Messiah, would be *Hakimun 'Adil* (a Just Ruler of the world):

“Narrated Abu Hurairah: Allah's Messenger said: ‘By Him in Whose Hand is my soul (I swear that) the son of Mary will shortly descend amongst you as a just ruler. He will break the cross and kill the pigs and abolish Jizyah (a punitive tax imposed upon Jews and Christians resident in the territory of Islam). Then there will be abundance of money and nobody will accept charitable gifts.’ ”

(Sahih Bukhari)

TWO CONFLICTING PORTRAITS OF THE MESSIAH

The Jews were very pleased to receive the news of this Promised Messiah. But they were confused by the fact that there was a two-fold picture that presented two conflicting portraits of him and his mission. The first was that of a conquering King who would restore the ‘Chosen People of Allah’ (who, at that time, were the Jews) to the Holy Land and would rule the whole world in peace. The second was a Messiah who was humble and suffering. The two apparently conflicting portraits were clearly depicted in Isaiah who described the Messiah as a ‘Servant of the Lord’ who would prosper, be lifted up and greatly exalted:

“Behold, My servant shall deal prudently, he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high.”
(Isaiah 52:13)

But he then went on in the very same breath to describe that ‘Servant’ as one who would be disfigured to the point that he would hardly look human, and thus one who would experience both exaltation and humiliation:

“As many were astonished at thee; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men.”

(Isaiah 52:14)

As unthinkable as it was, Isaiah prophesied that the ‘Servant’ would be struck on both back and face. He would be humiliated by being spat upon the face (Isaiah, 50:4-11). This is precisely what happened to Jesus. A Christian writer, Hal Lindsey, comments on the event as follows and goes on to declare that it confirmed the prophecy in Isaiah 52:13 and 53:12 :

“It is well known that this is the kind of treatment that Jesus received during the six illegal trials to which he was subjected. The officers in Herod’s temple guard spat on Jesus’ face after the Sanhedrin had condemned him. Then they blindfolded him and struck him in the face. A jagged crown of thorns was jammed down on his head and he was cruelly whipped with a Roman

scourge. It was a sadistic whip made of many strips of leather to which pieces of bone or jagged metal were attached to make the effect more painful.”

(*Hal Lindsey, “The Messiah”. Harvest House Publishers, Oregon, 1982, pp. 108-9*)

Isaiah went on to identify the Jews as those who would persecute the ‘Servant of the Lord’ (i.e., the Messiah). He did so when he described the Servant-Messiah as “*the despised one, the one abhorred by the nation (Isaiah 49:7)*. Hal Lindsey points out that the noun ‘nation’ is in the singular and not plural, and he goes on to protest dishonest translations of the verse:

“It's most unfortunate (and dishonest) that the Revised Standard Version of the Bible and the Jewish Soncino Commentaries translate this passage “to him who is abhorred by the nations.” By translating ‘nations’ plural, it makes it seem as though the Gentiles (who are always referred to as the ‘nations’) are the ones who despise and abhor the Servant. The idea is fostered here that the Servant is Israel and she is abhorred by the Gentiles. While that may have been true in Jewish history, that particular fact can't be proved by this passage because the word used in the Hebrew for ‘nation’ is ‘goy’, and it is singular and can only honestly be translated as ‘nation’ which in this context refers to Israel alone.” (Lindsey, p. 109)

(*Soncino*: - a certain Israel Nathan b. Samuel moved to Soncino, a small town in the duchy of Milan. There he set up a printing press for his son, and this was the beginning of the great firm of Joshua Solomon Soncino and his nephews, Moses and Gershom. Attracting Abraham b. Hayyim from Bologna, they produced the first complete Bible, the Soncino Bible of 1488, with vowels and accents, but without a commentary, as was the custom of the Soncinos. The Soncino brothers also were responsible for the 1491–93 Naples Bible, in which the vowel-points and accents are better placed than before. Gershom Soncino moved to Brescia, where he produced the 1495 Brescia Bible, an improved edition of the 1488 Soncino Bible, but, more important, in small octavo format, making it a pocket edition specifically produced for the persecuted Jews who, perpetually moving from place to place, found it difficult to carry the huge and costly folio Bibles. It was this edition which Martin Luther used when he translated the Bible into German).

(Jewish Encyclopaedia)

Even as far back in time as Genesis there was a prophecy of one through whom the ‘rule’ of the world, first established with David (*'alaihi al-Salaam*) and Solomon (*'alaihi al-Salaam*), would continue.

He was described as Shiloh:

“The scepter shall not depart from (his son) Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until Shiloh comes, and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.”

(Genesis : 49:10)

This prophecy was interpreted to have not only declared the tribe through which the Messiah would come, but also to have designated Judah as the royal line for future Kings. Rabbinic interpretation from ancient times recognized ‘Shiloh’ as a personal title of the Messiah and that it was here predicted that he would come from the tribe of Judah. (The view of Muslim scholars is that Shiloh was Prophet Muhammad (*'alaihi al-Salaam*).

The confusion was confounded when unknown scribes corrupted the text of Isaiah to declare that the Messiah would not only be born as a child (and hence be a human being), and would eventually rule the world, but that he would also be the mighty God. The corrupted text thus portrayed the Messiah as both man and God:

“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.”

(Isaiah, 9:6)

Two thousand years ago, when Allah Most High kept his promise and sent the Messiah, Jesus the son of Mary, to *Banu Israil*, he found them holding on to the external ‘form’ of religion while woefully neglecting its ‘internal’ substance. Even the ‘external’ form was corrupted since they had changed it and rewritten it to suit their own fancies. When Jesus confirmed that he was indeed the Promised Messiah, and when he fearlessly preached the ‘internal’ substance of religion and denounced the corruption of the ‘external’ form, some Jews accepted him and believed in him but most of them rejected him. They still continue to reject him as the Messiah to this day. The *Qur'an* declared that they boasted (at that time) of having killed him (by crucifixion):

“That they said (in boast): We killed the Messiah, Jesus the son of Mary, the Messenger of Allah...”

(*Qur'an, al-Nisa, 4:157*)

When they saw him ‘die’ on the cross before their very eyes it was conclusively confirmed to them that he was an impostor. They were convinced that he could not have been the Messiah since the Torah itself had declared that whoever died by hanging was the ‘cursed’ of Allah, Most High (Deuteronomy, 21:23). Secondly, he could not have been the Messiah because he died without liberating the Holy Land from the pagan Roman rule, and he did not rule the world from the throne of David (*'alaihi al-Salaam*) (i.e., Jerusalem).

And so they kept on waiting for the Messiah to come. Every Jew who rejected Jesus (*'alaihi al-Salaam*) as the Messiah and kept on waiting since then for the Messiah to come is indirectly implicated in the attempt to crucify him. This is so because their rejection of his claim to be the Messiah is linked to the death that they believe he experienced.

But Allah Most High declared that the Jews were deceived into believing that Jesus (*'alaihi al-Salaam*) was killed or crucified:

“.... and they killed him not, nor crucified him, but so it was made to appear to them, and those who differ therein are full of doubts, with no (certain) knowledge, but only conjecture to follow, for of a surety they killed him not.”

(Qur'an, al-Nisa, 4:157)

Well then, what happened to Jesus (*'alaahi al-Salaam*)? The *Qur'an* has explained what happened. It has made five explanatory statements:

Firstly, the *Qur'an* declared that the Jews did not kill Jesus:

“...but they killed him not....”

(Qur'an, al-Nisa, 4:157)

Secondly, it declared that they did not crucify him:

“...nor did they crucify him....”

(Qur'an, al-Nisa, 4:157)

Thirdly it declared that Allah the Supreme reclaimed him (i.e., took his soul). There are, in fact, two such statements in the *Qur'an*:

“And behold, Allah said: Oh Jesus, I (will) reclaim you (i.e., I will take your soul, - the word used is Wafaat), and raise you to Myself and clear you (of the falsehoods) of those who blaspheme . . .”

(Qur'an, Ale 'Imran, 3:55)

“And behold Allah will say (on the Day of Judgment) Oh Jesus, the son of Mary, did you say unto men: worship me and my mother as Gods besides Allah? He will say: Glory be to Thee! Never could I say what I had no right (to say). Had I said such a thing you would surely have known it. You know what is in my heart, and I know not what is in Your heart. For You know in full all that is hidden. Never did I say to them anything except that which You ordered me to say, to wit: Worship Allah, my Lord and your Lord; and I was a witness over them while I dwelt among them, but when You reclaimed me (i.e., took my soul – the word used is again Wafaat). You became the watcher over them, and You are a witness to all things.”

(Qur'an, al-Maida, 5:116-117)

If Allah Most High took the soul of Jesus (*'alaahi al-Salaam*) and did not return it, then that would have constituted *Maut* (death). But the *Qur'an* insists that he was not killed (nor crucified):

“...for most certainly they did not kill him....”

(Qur'an, al-Nisa, 4:157)

Well then, what did Allah Most High do with the soul after He took it? Was it possible, for example, that He returned the soul to the body? Can such a thing take place?

The *Qur'an* affirms that Allah Most High does return some souls after having taken them from the body:

“Allah reclaims the souls at (the time of) death; and those that die not He reclaims (their souls) during sleep (i.e., those whose souls are not taken while they are awake will experience it while they are asleep). Then for those on whom He has passed the decree of death (maut), He keeps back (i.e., the soul is not allowed to return to the body): but the rest He returns (to their bodies) for a term appointed. Verily in this are Signs for those who reflect.”

(*Qur'an, al-Zumar, 39:42*)

Did this take place in the case of Jesus ('alaihi al-Salaam)? The answer is to be found in the next two statements of the *Qur'an*.

Fourthly the *Qur'an* stated that Allah, the All-Powerful, made it ‘appear’ that Jesus ('alaihi al-Salaam) was killed. This was made possible either by replacing ‘one thing’ with ‘another’, or by replacing ‘one person’ with ‘another’ (*tashbih*). Thus those who were observing the event were convinced that Jesus ('alaihi al-Salaam) had, in fact, died (*Maut*):

“.... but so it was made to appear to them....” (Yusuf Ali)

“....but it only seemed to them (as if it had been) so....” (M. Asad)

(*Qur'an, al-Nisa, 4:157*)

It is now possible for us to answer the question: Well then, what did Allah Most High do with the soul after He took it? One possible answer to that question is that Allah Most High substituted *one thing for another* (*tashbih*):

- Allah Most High took the soul of Jesus ('alaihi al-Salaam) while he was still on the cross,
- Allah Most High thus convinced those who were observing the event that Jesus ('alaihi al-Salaam) was dead,
- Allah Most High then returned the soul of Jesus ('alaihi al-Salaam) after he was taken down from the cross and when no one was around to observe. He was then taken up into the heavens from whence he would descend one day.

The only difference from the accepted Christian belief and the above interpretation of the *Qur'an* is that the period of time which elapsed between the event on the cross and the ascension of Jesus was one in which Christians recognized him as dead. In the above interpretation of the *Qur'an*, however, he

was not recognized as dead precisely because the soul was returned to the body.

Those who object to the above possible explanation of the *Qur'an* argue that Jesus ('alaihi al-Salaam) was never placed on the cross. They interpret the Qur'anic statement “*they did not crucify him*” to imply that he was never placed on the cross. They come to this conclusion on the basis of their view that crucifixion (in the sense in which the *Qur'an* uses the term) implies simply being put on the cross and does not necessarily require such a person to actually die on the cross. Commenting on *Surah al-Maidah*, 5:36, the commentator of the *Qur'an*, *Ibn Kathir*, holds the view that crucifixion necessarily implies death.

The alternative interpretation to the above is that Allah Most High substituted *one person for another* (*tashbih*) so that someone else replaced Jesus ('alaihi al-Salaam) on the cross, and that person was crucified in place of Jesus ('alaihi al-Salaam). This is the theory of ‘substitution’. It is an opinion and, like all opinions, is subject to the qualification: *Allahu 'alam* (Allah, the Supreme, knows best!). There are many distinguished scholars of *Islam*, however, who subscribe to the theory of substitution. Those who object to this interpretation argue that it ascribes to Allah Most High a manifest act of injustice since it declares of Him that He caused an innocent man (i.e., innocent of any of the charges leveled against Jesus ('alaihi al-Salaam)) to be crucified in place of Jesus ('alaihi al-Salaam). But Allah Most High has repeatedly declared that no soul would bear the burden of another soul (*al-'Anam*, 6:164; *Banu Israil*, 17:15; *al-Fatir*, 35:18; *al-Zumar*, 39:7; *al-Najm*, 53:38).

Fifthly the *Qur'an* makes a statement to the effect that Allah Most High raised Jesus ('alaihi al-Salaam) unto Himself:

“*Nay, Allah raised him up unto Himself; and Allah is Exalted in Power, Wise.*”

(*Qur'an, al-Nisa*, 4:158)

The *Qur'an* then went on to explain that every soul (*Nafs*) must taste death (*Arabic - Maut*):

“*Every soul must taste death (maut). And only on the Day of Judgment shall you be paid your full recompense (for your works)...*”

(*Qur'an, Ale 'Imran*, 3:185)

Since Allah Most High has declared that every soul (*Nafs*) must taste death, it implies that Jesus ('alaihi al-Salaam), also, if he possessed a soul (*Nafs*) must taste death (*Maut*). The question therefore arises: Did Jesus ('alaihi al-Salaam) possess a soul (*Nafs*)? Was he a human being? And since we know that he was the son of Mary, we must also ask: Was Mary a human being?

The *Qur'an* responds with an emphatic declaration of the ‘humanity’ of both Jesus and Mary:

“The Messiah, the son of Mary, was no more than a Messenger (of Allah). Many were the Messengers who passed away before him. His mother was a woman of integrity and truth. They both ate food. Notice how We make signs clear to them (i.e. they who blaspheme by claiming that God is a Trinity, that Jesus is also God, and that Mary is also God). And then notice how they remain deluded away from the Truth.”

(Qur'an, al-Maidah, 5:75)

With one startling declaration ‘*They both ate food*’ the *Qur'an* dismisses any notion that Jesus (*'alaihi al-Salaam*) and Mary could have been anything but human.

The *Qur'an* also declares of Jesus (*'alaihi al-Salaam*) that he was no more than a servant and slave (of Allah, Most High):

“Oh People of the Scriptures (i.e. Christians and Jews), do not commit excesses in your religion; nor say of Allah aught but the truth. The Messiah, Jesus, the son of Mary, was (no more than) a Messenger of Allah, and His Word, which He cast on Mary, and a Spirit from Him. So believe in Allah and His Messengers. Say not Trinity, desist, it will be better for you. For Allah is One God. Glory be to Him. (Far exalted is He) above having a son...”

(Qur'an, al-Nisa, 4:171)

“Surely he (Jesus) was no more than an ‘abd (slave, servant) (of Allah)...”

(Qur'an, al-Zukhruf, 43:59)

It is thus clearly demonstrated that Jesus was, in the Qur'anic view, a human being. Hence Jesus (*'alaihi al-Salaam*) also, is subject to the universal law of death. He also, has to taste death.

JESUS (*'alaihi al-Salaam*) WILL RETURN

The *Qur'an* emphatically declared that Jesus (*'alaihi al-Salaam*) did not die (i.e., he was neither killed, nor was he crucified). It further declared that he was raised unto Allah, the Most High. And since the *Qur'an* declared that every soul (including Jesus) must taste death (*Maut*), it follows that Jesus (*'alaihi al-Salaam*) must return and experience death like every other human being.

But the *Qur'an* also delivered an ominous warning when it spoke about the death of Jesus. The warning was that Jews and Christians would all have to believe in Jesus (i.e., as the *Qur'an* has established Jesus' status and position as the Messiah and as a Prophet of Allah) before ‘Jesus’ dies. This verse therefore clearly established the Divine plan that Jesus would one day return and that this event would occur prior to his death:

“And there is none from the People of the Book (i.e., not a single Jew who rejects Jesus as the Messiah and Prophet of Allah, and not a single Christian who insists that Jesus must be worshipped as God and as son of God) but must believe in him (Jesus) before his death (i.e., before the death of Jesus). And on the Day of Judgment he

(Jesus) will be a witness against them.”

(*Qur'an, al-Nisa, 4:159*)

Hence on that day every Jew will have to accept Jesus as the Messiah and believe in him, and every Christian will have to abandon belief in Jesus as the ‘son of God’ and the third person in a divine trinity.

Prophet Muhammad ('alaihi al-Salaam) has declared as emphatically as it is possible for anyone to declare, that Jesus ('alaihi al-Salaam) will return:

“Narrated Abu Hurairah: Allah's Messenger said: ‘By Him in Whose Hand is my soul (I swear that) the son of Mary will shortly descend amongst you as a just ruler. He will break the cross and kill the pigs and abolish Jizyah (a punitive tax imposed upon Jews and Christians resident in the territory of Islam). Then there will be abundance of money and nobody will accept charitable gifts.’ ”

(Sahih, Bukhari)

Indeed the return of Jesus ('alaihi al-Salaam) is one of the ten major Signs of the Last Day mentioned by the Prophet ('alaihi al-Salaam):

“Narrated Hudhayfah ibn Usayd Ghifari:

Allah's Apostle ('alaihi al-Salaam) came to us all of a sudden as we were (busy in a discussion) He said: What do you discuss about? (The Companions) said: We are discussing about the Last Hour. Thereupon he said: It will not come until you see ten signs before and (in this connection) he made a mention of the smoke, Dajjal, the beast, the rising of the sun from the west, the descent of Jesus son of Mary ('alaihi al-Salaam), Gog and Magog, and landslides in three places, one in the east, one in the west and one in Arabia at the end of which fire would burn forth from Yemen, and would drive people to the place of their assembly.

(Sahih, Muslim)

Thus the ten Signs are as follows:

- the release of *Dajjal* – the False Messiah,
- the release of Gog and Magog,
- the return of Jesus ('alaihi al-Salaam) – the True Messiah,
- the appearance of *dukhan* (smoke),

- the emergence of *d'abbatul ard* (a creature of the Land, i.e., Holy Land),
- the sun would rise from the West,
- a landslide or movement of the earth in the East,
- another one in the West,
- a third one in Arabia,
- a fire comes out of Yemen and drives people to their place of assembly.

(Please note that these Signs are not necessarily listed in chronological order of their happening)

The *Qur'an* affirmed the return of Jesus as the ‘Sign of all Signs’ of the Last Day:

“And surely he (i.e., Jesus) is the Sign of the Hour”.
(Qur'an, al-Zukhraf, 43:61)

Jesus himself gave a list of signs to look for at the time when he is to return:

- men would arise calling themselves Messiah, but they would be false,
- there would be wars and rumors of wars,
- there would be an outbreak of unprecedented global famine,
- plagues would sweep the world,
- there would be a great increase in lawlessness and inhumanity to man,
- earthquakes would increase in intensity and frequency.

We now have the explanation for the two conflicting portraits of the Messiah in the scriptures – the first a meek and humble Messiah who would suffer immensely, and the other a mighty conqueror. When Jesus (*'alaihi al-Salaam*) returns he would fulfill the second portrait of him.

But Prophet Muhammad (*'alaihi al-Salaam*) went on to reveal that prior to the return of Jesus (*'alaihi al-Salaam*) Allah Most High would release a False Messiah (*al-Masih al-Dajjal*) into the world in the Last Age.

WHO IS DAJJAL?

The greatest dream of the Jews for more than 2000 years has been the dream of returning to the Holy Land as rulers over the land so that they might restore the State of Israel established by the Prophet-Kings, David ('alaihi al-Salaam) and Solomon ('alaihi al-Salaam), rebuild the Temple that was built by Solomon ('alaihi al-Salaam) in Jerusalem, and worship the God of Abraham in that Temple. That must be considered to be a very noble dream indeed. A people who dream such a dream as the greatest of all their dreams must be a people who would achieve spiritual greatness. They should be a people who would prefer the 'hereafter' to the 'dunya' (world), and whose spiritual insight would penetrate 'external' appearances to recognize the 'reality' of things. At a very minimum, therefore, they should be able to realize that such a noble dream cannot possibly be fulfilled through the creation of an essentially godless State of Israel, and through a reign of terror and oppression in the Holy Land that has now lasted for more than 50 bloodstained years. It is unlikely that the oppression can continue for another 50 years before they face the horrible consequences.

Now the Israelite-Jews all believed that their greatest dream could not and would not be fulfilled until that special Prophet called the Messiah would appear. He would "*bring salvation at the end of the ages, when he would be enthroned as king of the world*". This reign of the Messiah is repeated elsewhere in the scriptures. (I Enoch: 45:3; 105:2; 28:29; 13:32–35; 14:9). Of course European Jews who established the Zionist Movement hardly share that sacred attachment to prophecies pertaining to the Messiah.

Allah Most High ordained that the False Messiah (*al-Masih al-Dajjal*) would deliver to the Jews by deception that which they would embrace as the fulfillment of their greatest dream, i.e., return to *their* Holy Land, restoration of the State of Israel, the appointment of a king to rule over them: (*Appoint for us a king that we may fight in the cause of Allah – Qur'an, al-Baqarah, 2:246*) and the reconstruction of the Temple. The fact that they have been so utterly and completely deceived by the Impostor State of Israel is indicative of their continuing spiritual blindness:

“But the deeds of those who disbelieve (in this Qur'an and this last Prophet – among other things) are like a mirage in sandy deserts which the man parched with thirst mistakes for water until when he comes up to it, he finds it to be nothing: but he finds Allah (present there) with him, and Allah will pay him his account: and Allah is swift in taking account.”

(*Qur'an, al-Nur, 24:39*)

The State of Israel is today in precisely that situation of the man who is parched for thirst and mistakes a mirage for water.

“Verily this Qur'an explains to the Israelites most of the matters in which they disagree. And it certainly is a Guide and a Mercy to those who believe.”

(*Qur'an, al-Naml, 27:76-7*)

The 'appearance' today is that the 'greatest dream' is almost completely fulfilled. The Israelite Jews have returned to the Holy Land, or are free to do so, from wherever in the world they may be. The State of Israel was created in 1948 and is now a reality.

All that remains for the dream to be completed is the appointment of a king and the destruction of *Masjid al-Aqsa* to permit the reconstruction of the Temple:

“When you come unto the land which God your Lord gives you, and shall possess it, and shall dwell therein, and shall say: ‘I will set a king over me, like all the nations that are round about me,’ you shall then appoint the king that God your Lord shall choose (implied is the belief that he will be from the House of David).”

(Deuteronomy , 17:14-15)

In addition Israel must become the *Ruling State* in the world and the King of Israel must *rule* the world from Jerusalem.

The compelling implication is that all of this could not have been achieved without the Messiah. This is the ‘appearance’. What is the ‘reality’?

The ‘reality’ of all of this, when viewed from *Islam*, is that *Dajjal*, the False Messiah, has deceived the Jews into believing that divine grace has brought them this close to the complete fulfillment of their greatest dream. The ‘reality’ is that their spiritual blindness has led them into a divine trap from which there is now no escape. They denounce oppression and injustice in the world but justify their own oppression and injustice to others. They do so on the grounds that they have a special status with the Divine Being that others do not have. Since they believe that the Holy Land belongs to them, they also believe that they have the right to liberate it from those who lived on it for hundreds of years. The ‘end’ justifies the ‘means’. The ‘reality’ is that they have been misled and misguided and thoroughly deceived by *Dajjal*.

Dajjal, the False Messiah, is a *being* created by Allah Most High, who would impersonate the Messiah and deceive the Jews into believing that he is the true Messiah. *Dajjal* was endowed by Allah, Most Wise, with awesome power, versatility and with great capacity for deception and guile. The Christians know him as the Anti-Christ. *Dajjal*, the evil being created by Allah Most High will one day appear in the world as a human being. When he does so, he would be a Jew and, in addition, he would be a young man who would be powerfully built with curly hair. Prophet Muhammad ('alaihi al-Salaam) suspected a Jewish youth, Ibn Sayyad, who was resident in Madina, to have been the *Dajjal*. In doing so he confirmed that *Dajjal had already been released into the world and would one day appear as*:

- a human being,
- a Jew,
- a young man.

The True Messiah, like Solomon ('alaihi al-Salaam), would rule the world from the throne of David ('alaihi al-Salaam) i.e., Jerusalem. In order for him to do so it would be necessary for him to first accomplish the following:

- liberate the Holy Land of the rule of those who do not worship the God of Abraham,
- bring the ‘chosen people’ (who, at the time of the announcement of the divine promise were Jews) back to the Holy Land,
- restore the State of Israel established by David (*'alaihi al-Salaam*) and Solomon (*'alaihi al-Salaam*),
- cause Israel to become the '*Ruling State*' in the world.

Only **then** would it be possible for the True Messiah to rule the world from the throne of David (*'alaihi al-Salaam*), i.e., from Jerusalem.

If *Dajjal*, the False Messiah, were to successfully impersonate the true Messiah it follows from the above that he, also, would have to do all of the above.

The question may arise in consequence of the statement made above: If *Dajjal*, the False Messiah, or Anti-Christ, is responsible for this grand deception of the Jews, and so much more, and if he is already released and already on earth, then where is he? The Prophet spoke (in what may be recognized as the ‘mother of all puzzles’) and said the following about *Dajjal*, the False Messiah:

“Narrated al-Nawwas ibn Sam'an:We said: Allah's Messenger (peace be upon him), how long will he stay on Earth? He said: For forty days, one day like a year, one day like a month, one day like a week, and the rest of the days will be like your days....”

(Sahih, Muslim; Sunan, Tirmidhi)

It will only be at the very end of his life on earth, therefore, that *Dajjal's day will be like our day*. Secondly, *Dajjal*, the False Messiah, will be in ‘our’ dimension of time when ‘*his day* would be like ‘*our day*’. Hence he would be in ‘our’ world only at the very end of his life when he enters into ‘our’ world in order to complete his mission of impersonating the Messiah. The promise of Allah Most High was that the Messiah would rule the world from the throne of David (*'alaihi al-Salaam*), i.e. from a Jerusalem that would be the heart of the State of Israel. And so it is clear that *Dajjal* will be physically located in Jerusalem at the very end of his life on earth, and at that time, since ‘*his day would be like our day*’, it would be possible for us to see him. At that time we would see him as a Jew, a young man, powerfully built, with curly hair etc. He would also have to be the *Ruler* of the world who would *rule* the world from Jerusalem. Here is the answer to the question concerning the strategic role that Jerusalem is destined to play in the end of history.

Prior to that he will be around us in much the same way that angels and *Jinn* are always around us and yet they are not in ‘our’ world (in a day like our day) and hence are not visible. He will constantly attack us to test our faith. He will be weaving his

web of deception, but we will not be able to observe him with our normal faculties of observation since '*his day*' will not be like '*our day*'. Where *on earth* will *Dajjal* be when he is released by Allah on earth in *a day which would be like a year*, and then in *a day which would be like a month*, and then finally in *a day which would be like a week*? We know that he will be on earth, but where on earth?

Fortunately we have an answer to the first question, and that answer, in turn, opens for us the possibility to find answers to the other two questions. The answer to the first question is located in the *Hadith* that is known as the *Hadith* of Tamim al-Dari. Tamim al-Dari was a Christian who embraced *Islam* in Madina. He came to the Prophet ('alaihi al-Salaam) and narrated to him something that he had experienced concerning *Dajjal*. It is not clear whether he had a dream or a vision or an actual real-life experience. The Prophet ('alaihi al-Salaam) responded by asking the people to keep sitting after the prayer in the *Masjid* so that he could narrate to them what Tamim had experienced concerning *Dajjal*. He went on to declare that what Tamim al-Dari had narrated to him confirmed what he, the Prophet ('alaihi al-Salaam), had himself been saying concerning *Dajjal*. Here is the *Hadith*:

“Narrated Fatimah bint Qays, sister of ad-Dahhak ibn Qays:

Amir ibn Sharahil ash-Sha'bi said: Fatimah bint Qays was among the first emigrant women. I asked her to narrate to me a Hadith which she had heard directly from Allah's Apostle (peace be upon him) and there was no extra link between them. She said: Very well, if you like, I am prepared to do that. He said to her: Well, do so and narrate it to me. She said: ... So I set out towards the mosque and observed prayer with the Allah's Apostle (peace be upon him) and I was in the row of the women which was near the row of men. When Allah's Apostle (peace be upon him) had finished his prayer, he sat on the pulpit, smiling, and said: Every worshipper should remain sitting in his place. He then said: Do you know why I have asked you to assemble? They said: Allah and His apostle know best. He said: By Allah, I have not made you assemble for exhortation or for a warning. I have detained you here because Tamim Dari, a Christian who came and accepted Islam, told me something which agrees with what I was telling you about the *Dajjal*. He narrated to me that he had sailed in a ship with thirty men of Banu Lakhm and Banu Judham and had been tossed by waves in the ocean for a month. Then these (waves) took them (near) the land within the ocean (island) at the time of sunset. They sat in a small rowing boat and landed on that island. There was a beast with long thick hair (and because of this) they could not distinguish his face from his back. They said: Woe to you, who can you be? Thereupon it said: I am al-Jassasah. They said: What is al-Jassasah? It said: O people, go to this person in the monastery as he is very much eager to know about you. He (the narrator) said: When it named a person for us we were afraid of it lest it should be a Devil. Then we hurried on till we came to that monastery and found a well-built person there with his hands tied to his neck and iron shackles gripping his legs by the ankle. We said: Woe to you, who are you? He said: You soon come to know about me, but tell me who you are. We said: We are people from Arabia and we embarked upon a boat but the waves had been driving us for one month and they brought us near this island. We took to the rowing boats and landed on this island. Here a beast with profusely thick hair met us and because of the thickness of his hair, his face could not be distinguished from his back. We said: Woe be to thee, who are you?

It said: I am al-Jassasah. We said: What is al-Jassasah? It said: You go to this very person in the monastery for he is eagerly waiting for you to know about you. So we came to you in hot haste fearing that that might be the Devil. He (that chained person) said: Tell me about the date-palm trees of Baysan. We said: In which respect do you seek information about it? He said: I ask you whether these trees bear fruit or not. We said: Yes. Thereupon he said: I think these will not bear fruit. He said: Inform me about the lake of Tabariyyah? We said: What do you want to know about it? He said: Is there water in it? They said: There is an abundance of water in it. Thereupon he said: I think it will soon dry up. He again said: Inform me about the spring of Zughar. They said: What do you want to know about it? He (the chained person) said: Is there water in it and does it irrigate (the land)? We said to him: Yes, there is an abundance of water in it and the inhabitants (of Medina) irrigate (land) with its help. He said: Inform me about the unlettered Prophet; what has he done? We said: He has left Mecca and has settled in Yathrib (Medina). He said: Do the Arabs fight against him? We said: Yes. He said: How does he deal with them? We informed him that he had overcome those in his neighbourhood and they had submitted themselves before him. Thereupon he said to us: Had it actually happened? We said: Yes. Thereupon he said: If it is so, that is better for them that they show obedience to him. I am going to tell you about myself. I am the Dajjal and will be soon permitted to leave. So I shall leave and travel in the land, and shall not spare any town where I shall not land within forty nights except Mecca and Tauba (i.e., Medina). These two (places) are prohibited (areas) for me and I shall not attempt to enter either of them. An angel with a sword in his hand will confront me and bar my way and there will be angels to guard every road leading to it. Then Allah's apostle (peace be upon him) striking the pulpit with the help of the end of his staff said: This implies Tayba meaning Medina. Have I not told you an account (of the Dajjal) like this? The people said: Yes, and this account narrated by Tamim Dari was liked by me for it corroborates the account which I gave to you in regard to him (Dajjal) at Medina and Mecca. Behold he (Dajjal) is in the Syrian sea (Mediterranean) or the Yemen sea (Arabian sea). Nay, on the contrary, he is in the east, he is in the east, he is in the east, and he pointed with his hand towards the east. I (Fatimah bint Qays) said: I preserved it in my mind (this narration from Allah's Messenger (peace be upon him)).

(Sahih Muslim)

It is very clear from this *Hadith* that when *Dajjal* was released into the world he would have to be geographically located on that island, and it would be from that island that he would launch his effort to impersonate the Messiah by liberating the Holy Land of non-Jewish rule etc. Which island was it?

THE ISLAND IS BRITAIN

Our view is that the island referred to in the *Hadith* was Britain. The evidence that supports our claim is truly startling. Consider the following. In 1917 the government of the ‘island’ of Britain issued the Balfour Declaration in which it announced to a startled world the intention of the British Government to support the establishment of a

Jewish National Home in the Holy Land. Then in 1917-8 it was a British army led by General Allenby which defeated the Turkish army and liberated the Holy Land of Muslim rule. From 1919 to 1948 Britain ruled over the Holy Land on the basis of a Mandate conferred by the League of Nations. During this period of time the world witnessed the massive emigration of European Jews to the Holy Land. The tremendous German hatred of the Jews for their betrayal in the first world war (the German Jews made a deal with Britain that they would get USA to enter the war in support of Britain if Britain, in turn, would promise to give them the Holy Land when the war was won) and the resultant rise of Hitler led to such wholesale persecution of the Jews as dramatically increased the Jewish emigration from Europe to the Holy Land. Finally, in 1948 Britain acted as the ‘midwife’ for the baby to be born, i.e., for the declaration of independence of the State of Israel. We may note, in addition, that the island of Britain is located across the Mediterranean Sea about one month’s journey from the Arab world! It is also important to note that the British have excelled in spying and espionage. Sherlock Holmes and James Bond movies are the fictional equivalent to Lawrence of Arabia.

It is quite possible that there would still be some who would disagree with our view in which we have identified Britain as the island mentioned in the *Hadith*. To such people we respond very respectfully with the invitation to kindly correct us. In order to do so they must, themselves, identify the island and provide the evidence that validates their claim and invalidates ours.

And so we have concluded that the *Hadith* has informed us that when *Dajjal* was released on earth and he commenced his mission of impersonating the Messiah in ‘a day that was like a year’ it was from the island of Britain that he did so. We have also noticed that during this period of time Britain functioned as the ‘*Ruling State*’ of the world. Secondly we noticed that when it was the ‘*Ruling State*’ of the world Britain exercised control over the money of the world. This was done through the Bank of England. Indeed London was the financial capital of the world.

But we then noticed that there was a moment in time when, in a strange and mysterious way, Britain ceased to be the ‘*Ruling State*’ in the world and was replaced by USA. This process of change appears to have commenced with one war, i.e., the First World War, and ended with another, i.e., the Second World War. Our view is that the period between the First and Second World Wars witnessed the movement of *Dajjal* from *a day that was like a year* to *a day that was like a month*. It is very important that we observe that process of change with great insight since it provides us with the clues with which to recognize that moment in time when *Dajjal* would move from *a day that is like a month* to *a day that is like a week*.

An act of terrorism in the summer of 1914 in the city of Sarajevo resulted in the assassination of the Arch Duke Franz Ferdinand of Austria-Hungary. The perpetrator was a Serb but the footprints that were left led to Russia. Whoever planned the assassination, and left those footprints leading to Russia, wanted Austria-Hungary to declare war on Russia. The real target of the assassination was not Russia but the ally of Russia, namely Britain. The Ottoman Islamic State was the other target. It had to be destroyed and Britain had to do the job of destruction. When Austria-Hungary declared war on Russia, Britain and France promptly entered the war in support of Russia. And Germany responded by entering the war in support of Austria-Hungary.

The plan behind the event of the assassination was to so weaken the British economy through war that Britain would eventually lose its status as the *Ruling State* in the world and would be replaced by another State. The perpetrators of the act of terrorism were so devilishly cunning that they were able to simultaneously attack the Ottoman Islamic Empire. That State still constituted a formidable obstacle to the liberation of the Holy Land, the return of the Jews to the Holy Land, and the restoration of the State of Israel. The best possible way of removing that obstacle was war. And so the Ottoman Islamic Empire was forced, by way of skillful internal intrigue, to enter the war in support of Germany. Britain was then eventually used for attacking and destroying not only the Ottoman Islamic State but, also, the Islamic Caliphate.

But from 1914 to 1916 the war was a disaster for Britain. Firstly, German submarines wrested from Britain control over the seas. Secondly, Germany occupied France and installed a pro-German government in Paris. Thirdly, Russian troops were deserting and retreating. And finally, by 1916 Britain was in such dire straits that she was marooned and was threatened by starvation. Then came dramatic change in 1916. The Jews approached the British Government and offered to get USA to enter the war in support of Britain if Britain would, as a *quid pro quo*, promise to give the Holy Land to the Jews at the end of the war. Britain accepted the offer. The Jews then put their tremendous propaganda machinery in USA to work and pulled every possible string until they succeeded in getting USA to enter the war in 1916 in support of Britain. Britain responded one year later by issuing the Balfour Declaration. 1916 also marked the successful conclusion of excellent espionage by British spies in the Arabian Peninsula.

Britain succeeded in achieving two very important objectives both of which constituted strategic blows delivered against the Ottoman Islamic State. The first was the conclusion of a Treaty of Mutual Assistance and Benevolent Neutrality between Britain and 'Abdul 'Aziz Ibn Saud (then ruling over Riyadh). The cost to Britain was a mere 5000 Sterling pounds a month that Abdul Aziz would receive from the British Treasury. The second was the success in inducing Sharif Husain, the Ottoman-appointed Sharif of Makka and the *Hejaz*, to rebel against the Ottoman Caliph and declare his independence. The cost to Britain was a princely sum of 7 million Sterling pounds.

And so 1916 changed the course of the war and eventually delivered victory to the USA, Britain and the Jews. Not only was Germany defeated but, more importantly, the Ottoman Islamic State was dismembered and in its place emerged the secular State of Turkey. Indeed the secular leadership of Turkey promptly negotiated *an offensive and defensive alliance* with the same Britain that had played the leading role in the dismemberment of the Ottoman Islamic State. But Britain was so devastated by the war that the USA replaced Britain as the *Ruling State* in the world. This was confirmed during the period between the two world wars and then after the Second World War. For example, during the Second World War it was an American General, Dwight Eisenhower, who led the allied troops. Then in 1944 the Bretton Woods conference on the establishment of a new international monetary system delivered a convincing statement on Britain's new diminished status when it selected the US dollar as the new international currency replacing the Sterling pound. The International Monetary Fund and the World Bank replaced the Bank of England as the premier financial institutions in the world. And Washington replaced London as the financial capital of the world.

thus controlling the money of the world. After the war was over it was USA that had to rebuild the British and European economies through the Marshall Plan. In the 1956 Suez crisis and again in the Cuban missile crisis of 1963, USA convincingly demonstrated its new status as the *Ruling State* in the world.

In the same way that Britain, the *Ruling State* in the world, was strangely obsessed with the Holy Land (e.g., the Balfour Declaration) and the British people were themselves incapable of explaining this strange obsession, so too was the new *Ruling State*, USA, strangely obsessed with the Holy Land, and so too were the American people themselves incapable of explaining this strange obsession. For example, USA was the first State in the world to ‘recognize’ the new State of Israel when it declared its independence in 1948. Since then USA has acted as the chief Patron of Israel ‘through thick and through thin’! USA has provided Israel with massive financial, economic and military aid. In fact the total aid to Israel almost exceeds the total US aid to the rest of the world. Some of the US aid has gone to Israel through the US government but a substantial amount of aid has also gone from USA to Israel through Jews who are resident in USA. In so far as military aid is concerned some has gone through the ‘front door’ and some through the ‘back door’ (the case of Jonathan Pollard who passed on to Israel US nuclear secrets is the most well known). As a consequence Israel became a nuclear and a thermo-nuclear power on par with the nuclear States in the world.

Our conclusion is that *Dajjal* is geographically located in USA during that stage of his life on earth when ‘*his day is like a month*’. We go on to argue in this book that we are now located at a moment in time when *Dajjal* is about to move to that stage of his life on earth when his ‘*day would be like a week*’, which would witness USA being replaced by Israel as the *Ruling State* in the world. In fact we have located the September 11th attack on USA as the opening round of the process through which this change in *Ruling States* would be accomplished.

By virtue of the fact that the *Qur'an* declared of itself that it “explains all things” (*Qur'an, al-Nahl, 16:89*), it is capable of explaining this most amazing of events ever witnessed in the religious history of mankind, i.e., the restoration of the State of Israel in the Holy Land almost 2000 years after it was destroyed by Allah, Most High.

Our purpose in turning to the *Qur'an* to locate that explanation is to direct attention to that divine guidance which will assist the Muslim people around the world to respond appropriately to the strange events unfolding in the Holy Land.

Before we return to an examination of this most ominous of divine prophecies that has already been fulfilled, i.e., that Allah Most High will bring the Jewish people back to the Holy Land in the ‘End Time’, it is necessary for us to address the subject of Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, who is the greatest hoax the world has ever known in response to the prophecy of the return of the Messiah.

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PART ONE

Chapter 9

MIRZA GHULAM AHMAD: A FALSE MESSIAH

Narrated Abu Huraira: Allah's Apostle said, "By Him in Whose Hands is my soul, surely (Jesus,) the son of Mary will soon descend amongst you and will judge mankind justly (as a Just Ruler); he will break the cross and kill the pigs and there will be no Jizyah. Money will be in abundance so that nobody will accept it, and a single prostration to Allah (in prayer) will be better than the whole world and whatever is in it." Abu Huraira added, "If you wish, you can recite (this verse of the Holy Book):

'And there is none of the people of the Scriptures (Jews and Christians) but must believe in him (i.e., Jesus) before his death. And on the Day of Judgment He will be a witness against them.' (Qur'an, al-Nisa, 4:159)

(Sahih Bukhari)

Mirza Ghulam Ahmad was a Punjabi Muslim who lived in the town of Qadian in India at the beginning of the twentieth century. He died just about the time of the commencement of the First World War. He did not live to see the transfer of power from one *Ruling State* in the world (Britain) to another (USA) that occurred during the First World War. Nor did he live to see the return of the Jews to the Holy Land and the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948. He also has not lived to see what we are about to witness, i.e., the transfer of power from USA to another *Ruling State* – the Jewish State of Israel. This book anticipates that such will occur within the next five to ten years or even sooner.

Mirza startled the world when he made a number of claims pertaining to the prophecy of the return of the Messiah. He established the Ahmadiyyah Movement in India and it promptly embarked upon an extraordinary effort in the western world to preach and to convert European people to Ahmadiyyah. But the Movement also took pains to devote special attention to African-American Muslims of the Nation of Islam who were led by Elijah Muhammad. As a consequence Mirza has succeeded in influencing African-American Muslims, who are today led by *Imam* Warithuddin

Muhammad [update: announced giving up his leadership post in September 2003] or by Louis Farrakhan, in respect of the subject of the return of the Messiah. For this reason it became necessary for us to devote a chapter to the claims of Mirza.

As the historical process unfolds in this last stage of history it should become increasingly clear to his followers as well as to those who were influenced by his teachings that the following claims of Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (of India) were quite false:

- He is the *Imam al-Mahdi* who will be the leader of the Muslims at the time when the Messiah returns,
- The prophecy pertaining to the return of the Messiah was fulfilled in him,
- He is a divinely appointed Prophet.

We hope that Ahmadis will respond to our invitation, which we hereby extend, to use the *Qur'an* and *Ahadith* to explain the above-mentioned events which have occurred after the death of Mirza and in particular the ‘return’ of the Jewish people to the Holy Land and establishment of the State of Israel. If they do so we are sure that they will discover a new understanding of the subjects of *Dajjal*, the False Messiah, Gog and Magog, *Imam al-Mahdi* and the Return of the Messiah (Jesus, the Son of Mary) - an understanding quite different from that which they received from Mirza Ghulam Ahmad.

This book was written to help Ahmadis as they seek that Qur'anic explanation for the strangest event ever to have occurred in the religious history of mankind, i.e., the return of the Jews to the Holy Land. It is not possible for a member of the Ahmadiyyah Movement to understand and accept the basic arguments and conclusions of this book without at the same time rejecting the claims of Mirza Ghulam Ahmad to have been the Messiah who would one day return, the *Imam al-Mahdi*, and a divinely appointed Prophet. *And Allah guides to His light whomsoever Allah wishes to guide!*

Jews were not the only ones who were deceived by *Dajjal*. Many pious Muslims, whose demonstration of a sincere pursuit of faith inspired awe, were similarly deceived. In all sincerity they joined the Ahmadiyyah Movement and were convinced that they had embraced the only authentic expression of *Islam* in the world. Instead they entered into a trap set for them by *Dajjal*. How were they deceived?

The Ahmadiyyah Movement believes that the prophecy concerning the return of the Messiah was fulfilled in the person of Mirza Ghulam Ahmad. There are a number of reasons why this claim is false. **Firstly** the *Ahadith* pertaining to the ‘return of the Messiah’ made it abundantly clear that the Messiah who would return would be the ‘son of Mary’. But Mirza Ghulam Ahmad is the son of a Punjabi woman. **Secondly** if Mirza was indeed the fulfillment of the prophecy pertaining to the return of the Messiah then he, Mirza, had to kill *Dajjal*, the False Messiah, during his own lifetime since this is what the Messiah is supposed to do. This is what the Prophet (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) had to say on the subject. We quote the entire *Hadith* for the benefit of readers:

“Narrated al-Nawwas ibn Sam'an:

Allah's Apostle mentioned of Dajjal one day in the morning. He sometimes described him as insignificant and sometimes described (his turmoil) as very significant (and we felt) as if he were in the cluster of the date-palm trees. When we went to him (to the Holy Prophet) in the evening and he read (the signs of fear) on our faces, he said: What is the matter with you? We said: Allah's Apostle you mentioned the Dajjal this morning (sometimes describing him) as insignificant and sometimes very important, until we began to think he was present in some (nearby) part of the cluster of the date-palm trees. So he said: I harbour fear in regard to you in so many other things besides the Dajjal. If he comes forth while I am among you, I shall contend with him on your behalf, but if he comes forth while I am not among you, a man must contend on his own behalf and Allah will take care of every Muslim on my behalf (and safeguard him against his evil). He (the Dajjal) will be a young man with twisted, cropped hair, and a blind eye. I compare him with Abd al-Uzza ibn Qatan. He who among you will survive to see him should recite over him the opening verses of Surah al-Kahf. He will appear on the way between Syria and Iraq and will spread mischief right and left. O servant of Allah! Adhere (to the path of Truth). We said: Allah's Apostle, how long will he stay on Earth? He said: For forty days, one day like a year, one day like a month, one day like a week, and the rest of the days will be like your days. We said: Allah's Apostle will one day's prayer suffice for the prayers of the day equal to one year? Thereupon he said: No, but you must make an estimate of the time (and then observe prayer). We said: Allah's Apostle how quickly will he walk upon the earth? Thereupon he said: Like cloud driven by the wind. He will come to the people and invite them (to a wrong religion); they will affirm their faith in him and respond to him. He will then give a command to the sky: there will be rainfall upon the Earth and it will grow crops. Then in the evening, their pasturing animals will come to them with their humps very high, their udders full of milk and their flanks distended. He will then come to another people and invite them. But they will reject him so he will go away from them; they will have a drought and nothing will be left with them in the form of wealth. He will then walk through the desert and say to it: Bring forth your treasures. The treasures will come out and gather before him like a swarm of bees. (This refers to the discovery of oil and so many other treasures of the earth). He will then call someone in the flush of youth, strike him with the sword, cut him into two pieces and (make these pieces lie at the distance that is generally between the archer and his target. He will then call (that young man) and he will come forward laughing with his face gleaming (with happiness). It will be at this very time that Allah will send Christ, son of Mary. He will descend at the white minaret on the eastern side of Damascus, wearing two garments lightly dyed with saffron and placing his hands on the wings of two Angels. When he lowers his head, there will fall beads of perspiration from his head, and when he raises it up, beads like pearls will scatter from it. Every non-believer who smells the odour of his body will die and his breath will reach as far as he is able to see. **He will then search for him (Dajjal) until he catches hold of him at the gate of Ludd and kills him.** Then a people whom Allah had protected will come to Jesus, son of Mary, and he will wipe their faces and inform them of their ranks in Paradise. It will be under such conditions that Allah will reveal to Jesus these words: I have brought forth from among My servants such people against whom none will be able to fight; you take these

people safely to Tur, and then Allah will send Gog and Magog and they will swarm down from every slope. The first of them will pass the lake of Tiberias and drink out of it. And when the last of them passes, he will say: There was once water there. Jesus and his companions will then be besieged here (at Tur, and they will be so hard pressed) that the head of the ox will be dearer to them than one hundred dinars. Allah's Apostle Jesus, and his companions, will supplicate Allah, Who will send to them insects (which will attack their necks) and in the morning they would perish as one single person. Allah's Apostle Jesus, and his companions, then come down to Earth and they will not find on Earth as much space as a single span that is not filled with putrefaction and stench. Allah's Apostle Jesus, and his companions, will then beseech Allah who will send birds whose necks would be like those of Bactrian camels and they will carry them away and throw them where Allah wills. Then Allah will send rain which no house of mud-bricks or (tent of) camelhair will keep out and it will wash the Earth until it resembles a mirror. Then the Earth will be told to bring forth its fruit and restore its blessing and, as a result thereof, there will grow (such a big) pomegranate that a group of people will be able to eat it and seek shelter under its skin, a dairy cow will give so much milk that a whole party will be able to drink it. The milking camel will give such (a large quantity of) milk that the whole tribe will be able to drink from it, and the milking-sheep will give so much milk that the whole family will be able to drink from it. At that time Allah will send a pleasant wind that will soothe (people) even under their armpits. He will take the life of every Muslim and only the wicked will survive who will commit adultery like asses and the Last Hour would come to them.”

(Sahih Muslim)

The *Hadith* is clear. Jesus, the true Messiah, would kill *Dajjal* the False Messiah: “*He will then search for him (Dajjal) until he catches hold of him at the gate of Ludd and kills him.*” If Mirza Ghulam Ahmad fulfilled the prophecy in the *Ahadith* pertaining to the return of Jesus (*'alaiki al-Salam*) then he would also have had to kill *Dajjal*. There could not, therefore, be any possibility of *Dajjal*, the False Messiah, continuing his mission after the death of Mirza. Yet Mirza died soon after the birth of the Zionist Movement, and did not live to see *Dajjal's* great triumph, namely the creation of the ‘Impostor’ State of Israel and the return of the Jews to the Holy Land. In the entire religious history of mankind there has never been an event that could compare in strangeness with this achievement of *Dajjal*, the False Messiah.

Thirdly, there is a mountain of evidence (discernible by those who see with two eyes) that *we are still living in the age of Dajjal*, the False Messiah. Such, for example, are the following:

- The philosophical *Shirk* in modern-day materialism which has fulfilled the prophesy of the Prophet (*sallalahu 'alaiki wa sallam*) who declared of *Dajjal* that he would attempt to deceive mankind into worshipping him rather than Allah, Most High. The very heart of the attack of materialism emerged from the

island of Britain. The *Hadith* of Tamim Dari in *Sahih Muslim* clearly indicated that when *Dajjal* was released he would be in an island and it would be from that island that he would launch his attack on mankind and on the Jews. We have demonstrated that the island could not have been any other than Britain.

- The philosophical *Shirk* of the modern western epistemology that denies the validity of ‘internal intuitive spiritual’ knowledge and which is clearly evident in the ominous declaration of the Prophet (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) that *Dajjal*, the False Messiah, sees with ‘one’ eye while “your Lord is not one eyed”. This one-eyed epistemology was embraced by modern western civilization and then transmitted to the rest of mankind through modern western education. Again it was Britain that led the epistemological attack.
- The universal political *Shirk* of the modern secular State which has also fulfilled the prophecy of the Prophet (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) who declared that *Dajjal*, the False Messiah, would target mankind to get them to worship him instead of Allah, Most High. Modern western civilization produced the modern secular State that declared that sovereignty resided with the State, that the authority of the State was supreme, and that the law of the State was the highest law. Allah could declare something to be *Haram* but the State could make it *Halal*, i.e., *legalize it*. This was clear *Shirk* but, amazingly, even Muslims have difficulty in understanding it and recognizing it. The entire world has now embraced the secular State and the secular United Nations Organization that leads the system. But this had not as yet occurred when Mirza Ghulam Ahmad died.
- The scientific and technological revolution that has brought to the world air and space travel, telephones and other modern telecommunications, etc., has deceptively mixed that which is manifestly beneficial with that which is dangerously harmful. That unfinished revolution still has strange and wondrous feats to be performed. That scientific and technological revolution is connected to *Dajjal* and this is discernible in *Ahadith* which declare, for example, that *Dajjal* would ride on an ass which would travel as fast as the clouds and which would have its ears stretched out wide. This refers to the modern airplane and fighter aircraft.
- Allah Most High created mankind and then announced to the angels that He was going to place on earth one who would function as His *khalifah* (i.e., would act on His behalf in a capacity subordinate to Him). The Islamic *Khilafah* State (Caliphate) did precisely that. It recognized Allah’s Sovereignty and Supreme Authority, and recognized Allah’s Law as the highest Law. It was destroyed by western civilization after the death of Mirza and it was replaced by the modern secular State founded on *Shirk*. The new secular State embraced Turkey at the very seat of the *Khilafah*. This was the work of *Dajjal*. Yet it took place after the death of Mirza.
- The *Riba* that has embraced the economy around the world in fulfillment of the prophecy of the Prophet (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) who declared that the age of *Dajjal*, the False Messiah, would be the age of universal *Riba*. The Prophet

(*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) also prophesied that the day would come when you would not be able to find a single person in all of mankind who would not be consuming *Riba*, and that if any one were to claim that he was not consuming *Riba*, “verily the dust of *Riba* would be upon him.” That prophecy has now been fulfilled. *Riba* now controls the entire world economy. But it had not yet done so when Mirza Ghulam Ahmad died.

- The modern feminist revolution and its struggle for women's liberation that has fulfilled the prophecy of the Prophet (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) in which he spoke of women as '*the last people who would come out to Dajjal, the False Messiah*:

“The last (people) to come out to Dajjal will be women, so much so that a man would have to return to his mother, daughter, sister and aunt and tie them fast lest they should go out to him (Dajjal).”

(Kanz al-'Ummal. Vol. 7, Hadith No. 2116)

“Most of those who follow him (Dajjal) will be Jews and women.”

(Kanz al-'Ummal. Vol. 7, Hadith No. 2114)

British women led the struggle. It was only in the twentieth century, after the death of Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, that the feminist revolution successfully penetrated the Muslim world.

- The environmental pollution that is bringing about the climatic change that the Prophet ('alaihi al-Salam) prophesied would occur at the time of *Dajjal*, the False Messiah. This is now taking place in the world, yet Mirza is long dead.
- The awesome deception of the modern age in which ‘appearance’ and ‘reality’ are so completely different from each other, the road to heaven having the appearance of the road to hell and vice versa is evidence that *Dajjal* is still at work! The Prophet (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) said that *Dajjal* would do precisely that!
- The ‘liberation’ of the Holy Land from non-Jewish (i.e., Muslim) rule, the return of the Jews to the Holy Land, and the establishment of the State of Israel, were all accomplished with active involvement of a Christian ‘island’ named Britain which is located about one month’s journey by sea from the Arabian peninsular (exactly as mentioned in the *Hadith* of Tamim al-Dari). Also, they were all accomplished after the death of Mirza.

- It is likely that the State of Israel would soon displace USA as the *Ruling State* in the world and would then lay claim to the return of the Golden Age of Solomon (*'alaihi al-Salam*). This has not as yet taken place. But when it does it would represent further progress in *Dajjal*'s mission of impersonating the Messiah. All of this would soon take place yet Mirza died almost a century ago.

All of the above are the work of *Dajjal*, the False Messiah, *who is still very much alive*, yet Mirza is already dead. In fact all of the above emerged fully in the world and assumed a universal character long after the death of Mirza Ghulam Ahmad. If Mirza killed *Dajjal*, the False Messiah, then how do the followers of Mirza explain all of the above? Perhaps the discerning followers of Mirza Ghulam Ahmad may now recognize the reality of the world today, and so recognize that the Truth is different from the claims of Mirza Ghulam Ahmad. *Amin!*

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PART ONE

Chapter 10

GOG AND MAGOG IN THE QUR'AN AND HADITH

"They said: "O Dhul-Qarnain! Gog and Magog (people) commit acts of corruption and wickedness in (our) land. Can we pay you a tribute (payment) in order that you might erect a barrier between us and them (so that we can be protected from them and their wickedness) ?"

(Qur'an, al-Kahf, 18:94)

Our teacher of blessed memory, *Maulana Dr. Muhammad Fadlur Rahman Ansari* (ra), taught a very important lesson in connection with the pursuit of knowledge – particularly when it pertains to the knowledge of Truth. He taught that the ‘part’ (of knowledge) should never be studied apart from, or in isolation of, the ‘whole’ to which it belongs. Secondly, he taught that the proper gathering of knowledge pertaining to a subject of study requires that it should also be organized as a whole. But such is not possible unless one locates the unitary principle that binds the parts together. He called that unitary principle ‘the system of meaning’. It is that system of meaning that must be discovered when we attempt to study the subject of Gog and Magog (*Y'ajuj and M'ajuj*). Unless this method of study is adopted then the subject of Gog and Magog is such that even the greatest of scholars can be misled.

The plain evidence that emerges from the *Qur'an* and from no less than eight *Ahadith* of *Sahih Bukhari* indicates that the release of Gog and Magog occurred in the lifetime of the Prophet (*sallalahu 'alaiki wa-sallam*), long before the return of Jesus ('*alaiki al-Salam*).

There are only two references to Gog and Magog (*Y'ajuj and M'ajuj*) in the *Qur'an*. Our first effort must therefore be to discover the principle of unity that links these two Qur'anic references to Gog and Magog.

The first reference is in *Surah al-Kahf* and the second is in *Surah, al-Anbiyah*. Here is the first reference:

“They said: O Dhul-Qarnain! Gog and Magog commit Fasad (corruption, awesome oppression and wickedness) in the Land. May we render you tribute (i.e., can we pay you something) in order that you might erect a barrier between us and them (so that we can be protected from them)?”

(Qur'an, al-Kahf, 18:94)

The very first Qur'anic reference to Gog and Magog thus declares them to be essentially agents of *Fasad*. The Prophet (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa-sallam*) explained that Gog was a community of human beings who had descended from Adam ('alaihi al-Salam). Similar was the case with Magog. The *Hadith* complements the *Qur'an* to warn that Allah Most High endowed these human communities comprised of agents of *Fasad* with such power that they are, by worldly standards, invincible:

“It will be under such conditions that Allah will reveal to Jesus these words: I have brought forth from among My servants such people against whom none will be able to fight; you take these people safely to Tur, and then Allah will send Gog and Magog and they will swarm down from every slope (or spread out in every direction). The first of them will pass the Lake Tiberias (i.e, the Sea of Galilee, also known as Lake Kinneret) and drink out of it. And when the last of them passes, he will say: There was once water here. Jesus and his companions will then be besieged here (at Tur, and they will be so hard pressed) that the head of the ox will be dearer to them than one hundred dinars. Allah's Apostle Jesus, and his companions, will supplicate Allah, Who will send to them insects (which will attack their necks) and in the morning they would perish as one single person. Allah's Apostle Jesus and his companions then come down to Earth and they will not find on Earth as much space as a single span that is not filled with putrefaction and stench. Allah's Apostle, Jesus, and his companions will then beseech Allah who will send birds whose necks would be like those of Bactrian camels and they will carry them away and throw them where Allah wills.”

(Sahih Muslim)

Surah al-Kahf informs us that *Dhul Qarnain* built a barrier between the people and these agents of *Fasad*. He used blocks of ‘iron’ and then sealed them with a coating of ‘molten copper’. He then declared of the barrier that it was *Rahmah* (an act of mercy) from his Lord but that Allah Most High would Himself bring down the barrier and release Gog and Magog at that time when the *W'ad* (warning) of his (*Dhul Qarnain*'s) Lord was to come to pass:

“He said: This is a mercy from my Lord: but when the warning of my Lord (concerning the Last Age) comes to pass He will make it into dust; and the promise of My Lord is true.”

(Qur'an, al-Kahf, 98)

Which *W'ad* (warning) was he referring to? The answer is quite clearly revealed in the famous *Hadith* in which the Prophet (*sallalahu 'alaahi wa-sallam*) narrated ten major Signs of the Last Day. Among the ten was the release of Gog and Magog:

“Narrated Hudhayfah ibn Usayd Ghifari:

Allah's Messenger came to us all of a sudden as we were (busy in a discussion). He asked: What are you discussing? (the Companions) said: We are discussing about the Last Hour. Thereupon he said: It will not come until you see ten signs, and (in this connection) he made a mention of ‘the smoke’, ‘Dajjal’, ‘the beast’, ‘the rising of the sun from the west’, ‘the descent of Jesus son of Mary’, ‘Gog and Magog’, ‘landslides in three places, one in the east, one in the west and one in Arabia’ at the end of which ‘fire would burn forth from Yemen and would drive people to the place of their assembly’.”

(Sahih Muslim)

[The reader should kindly note that these signs are not recorded in the chronological sequence in which they will occur.]

In other words, when the barrier was brought down and Gog and Magog were released, that would be one of the major signs that mankind had entered into the Last Age. The question is: How would we know when the barrier was brought down and the release of Gog and Magog had commenced? Let us first examine the following ... *Ahadith* which answer that question and which are all taken from *Sahih Bukhari*. The *Hadith* is narrated by different people with slightly different texts. In consequence the *Hadith* is *mutawatir* and that makes it the strongest possible *Hadith*:

“Narrated Abu Huraira:

The Prophet said: A hole has been opened in the dam of Gog and Magog. Wuhaib (the sub-narrator) made the number 90 (with his index finger and thumb).”

(Sahih Bukhari)

“Narrated Zainab bint Jahsh:

That one day Allah's Apostle entered upon her in a state of fear and said: None has the right to be worshipped but Allah! Woe to the Arabs from the Great evil that has approached (them). Today a hole has been opened in the dam of Gog and Magog like this. The Prophet made a circle with his index finger and thumb. Zainab bint Jahsh added: I said: O Allah's Apostle! Shall we be destroyed though there will be righteous people among us? The Prophet said: Yes, if the (number) of evil (persons) increased.”

(Sahih Bukhari)

The above *Hadith* is repeated elsewhere in *Sahih Bukhari* with slightly different texts.

“Narrated Ibn Abbas:

Allah's Apostle performed the Tawaf (around the Ka'aba while riding his camel, and every time he reached the corner (of the Black Stone) he pointed at it with his hand and said: ‘Allahu Akbar.’ Zainab said: The Prophet said: ‘An opening has been made in the wall of Gog and Magog like this and this’ (forming the number 90 with his thumb and index finger).”

(*Sahih Bukhari*)

The various *Ahadith* of *Sahih Bukhari* that have come from four different sources, Abu Hurairah, Zainab bint Jahsh, Umm Salama, and Abdullah ibn Abbas (ra), are quite explicit in revealing that the release of Gog and Magog took place in the lifetime of the Prophet (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa-sallam*). Indeed he even declared that the release took place “**today**”! Thus the Last Age, or the Age of *Fitan*, commenced in the lifetime of the Prophet (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa-sallam*). And this is the explanation of his famous statement concerning his relationship with the ‘Last Hour’:

“Narrated Sahl bin Sad:

I saw Allah's Messenger pointing with his index and middle fingers, saying: The time of my Advent and the (Last) Hour are like these two fingers. The Great Catastrophe (i.e., the Age of *Fitan*) will overwhelm everything.”

(*Sahih Bukhari*)

The *Qur'an* went on to provide believers with a momentous Sign by which they would not only have concrete evidence of the release of Gog and Magog but, more than that, they would have the evidence that the world was now in the control of Gog and Magog. They would thus be able to identify Gog and Magog as the Ruling Power in the world. This is located in the reference to Gog and Magog in *Surah al-Anbiyah*:

“But there is a ban on a City which We have destroyed: that they (the residents) shall not return - until Gog and Magog are let through (their barrier) and they swiftly swarm down from every height (or spread out in every direction).”

(*Qur'an, al-Anbiyah, 21:95-6*)

When Gog and Magog have been released and, in addition, “have descended from every height, or have spread out in every direction”, then at that time the people of the Town who were punished by Allah Most High, and banished from their town or city (which was destroyed by Allah, Most High), would now be brought back to that town or city. There is only one such town or city (which was destroyed by Allah) which is mentioned in the *Ahadith* pertaining to Gog and Magog. And it is **Jerusalem**.

The following *Hadith* makes mention of Gog and Magog passing by the Sea of Galilee, which is in the Holy Land:

“Narrated al-Nawwas ibn Sam'an:It will be under such conditions that Allah will reveal to Jesus these words: I have brought forth from among My servants such people against whom none will be able to fight; you take these people safely to Tur, and then Allah will send Gog and Magog and they will swarm down from every slope. The first of them will pass the lake of Tiberius (i.e., the Sea of Galilee) and drink out of it. And when the last of them passes, he will say: There was once water there ”

(Sahih Muslim)

When Gog and Magog pass by the Sea of Galilee they would proceed to Tur (mountain) mentioned in another *Hadith* as a mountain in **Jerusalem**:

“Gog and Magog would walk until they reach the mountain of al-Khamr, and it is a mountain of **Bait al-Maqdis** (i.e., Jerusalem)...”

(Sahih Muslim)

Since no other town or city (destroyed by Allah, Most High) other than Jerusalem is mentioned in the Ahadith pertaining to Gog and Magog, we have come to the conclusion that the town or city mentioned in *Surah al-Anbiyah* (verses 95 and 96) above can only be **Jerusalem**.

From this conclusion and identification of the town or city now emerges the implication that the return of the Jews to the Holy Land, which has already happened, is the dramatic and concrete evidence that the barrier has been brought down by Allah Most High and that we live in the age of Gog and Magog, and we thus live in the Last Age.

But the more important implication of the return of the Jews to the ‘city’ (Jerusalem) and the establishment of the State of Israel is that Gog and Magog have now fulfilled that stage of their mission referred to in *Surah al-Anbiyah*, 21:96, i.e., they have descended from every height (or spread out in every direction) and have taken control of the world. The world order which brings the Jews back to the Holy Land is that of Gog and Magog! Who are they? Our method of study must be to look for a people who display, in their obsessive relationship with the Jews and the Holy Land, a strange difference in their behavior prior to the Holy Prophet (*'alaihi al-Salam*) when compared with their behavior after the time of the Prophet (*'alaihi al-Salam*).

A strange European obsession with the Holy Land

When Abraham (*'alaihi al-Salam*) made *Hijrah* to the Holy Land, and Babylon, Persia, Egypt and China had great civilizations, and the Greek and Roman Empires had not as yet emerged, Europe lived largely as ‘wild tribes’. There was little or no trade with the rest of the civilized world... In consequence of this peculiar isolation the rest of the world could not understand European languages, nor could Europe ever play any role as an actor on the stage of the world. The *Qur'an* referred in *Surah al-Kahf* to this unique European characteristic when *Dhul Qarnain* embarked on his third journey and came upon a people whose language could not be understood (*Surah al-Kahf*, 18:93).

A strange and mysterious revolution overtook Europe. Pagan Greek and Roman civilizations emerged and they immediately and strangely embarked upon the conquest of as much of the rest of the world as could be conquered. Both Greek and Roman European civilizations seemed to have a special interest in the Holy Land. Alexander ‘the Great’ conquered Jerusalem and evinced an interest in Judaism, and the Roman Empire ruled over Jerusalem and the Holy Land up to the time of Jesus (*'alaihi al-Salam*) and even after that. Secondly, there was no abiding fidelity to their gods and goddesses and to the pagan way of life... Rather pagan beliefs were eventually unceremoniously discarded in the same strange way that they had been embraced centuries earlier.

Then a strange European embrace of Christianity for essentially political reasons resulted in the emergence of the Euro-Christian Church with Rome as the center of a new church. It was Christianity that brought much of the remaining part of Europe out of the ‘wild tribes’ stage of its history and united Europe as Christendom. The new Christian church was so emphatic about its independence from the old Christianity that it even appointed its own date for commemorating the birth anniversary of Jesus (*'alaihi al-Salam*). The new European Christmas was celebrated on December 25.

But Euro-Christianity differed significantly and mysteriously from the old orthodox Christianity of Byzantium. As soon as the new Christian church had consolidated its hold over Europe it proceeded to display an obsession for the Holy Land unmatched by any other Christians. The Crusades were not just Christian, rather they were Euro-Christian. They were launched one after another against the Muslims in a futile effort to wrest control over the Holy Land. A short-lived European liberation of the Holy Land was brought to an unceremonious end when Sultan Salāhuddin defeated the Christian crusaders and recovered Muslim control over the Holy Land.

What was most significant about the Crusades was that it was exclusively European. Even though the European Crusaders had to pass through the territory of the Byzantine Christians, non-European Christians did not join the Europeans and hence played no part in the Crusades... This book poses the question: Why this strange Euro-Christian obsession with the Holy Land?

Secondly, when the European Crusaders did succeed in wresting control over Jerusalem from the Muslims for a brief period they perpetrated a bloodbath that was ominously un-Christian. They slaughtered all the inhabitants of Jerusalem. Not even women and children were spared. The Christian world was horrified by the barbarism and savagery of an ostensibly Christian European people who had embarked on a religious and spiritual quest to liberate the Holy Land. It certainly appeared as though the cloak of Christianity had been donned by Europe as an act of expediency and convenience rather than as an act of faith. The Crusades revealed a frightful, ruthless,

godless, amoral face of Europe. It was more essentially godless than it was Christian, and it was more constituted of ‘wild tribes’ than of civilized people... As time passed by it also displayed an amazing capacity to conceal its true nature and to present itself as the opposite of what it really was.

The attention that Muslims should have devoted to the study of this strange European phenomenon was strangely and mysteriously diverted when the Mongol invasions took place and a wild and savage people, who behaved no differently from the Euro-Christians, terrorized the Muslim world...

It is precisely because attention was not directed to the study of this strange emerging phenomenon in history that the world of *Islam* was unable to understand and explain the even stranger, more mysterious and more inexplicable revolution that transformed Europe from a medieval Christian civilization to an essentially godless modern secular western civilization. That revolution also delivered to Europe a scientific and industrial revolution and a *Riba*-based economic system that resulted in godless Europe becoming more powerful than the rest of the world combined and assuming the position of unchallenged and unchallengeable ruler of the world. In the new Europe, Britain, an insignificant island located about one month's journey by sea from the Holy Land, defied all European power equations to emerge as the leader of Europe and ruler of the world.

But the new essentially godless, ostensibly Christian, Europe displayed the same strange obsession for the Holy Land that was displayed by the old Christian crusading Europe. It proceeded to join hands with the essentially godless ostensibly Jewish European Khazers in pursuing a continuing obsession with liberating the Holy Land. These two European people have remained locked together in a mystifying unholy embrace ever since.

It was the island of Britain that declared (in what is known as the Balfour Declaration) in 1917 that it would work for the establishment of a Jewish National Homeland in Palestine. Britain proceeded just two years later to liberate the Holy Land from gentile (Muslim) rule. This occurred in 1917 when the British General, Allenby, lead an army to victory over the Turkish army that defended Jerusalem and the Holy Land. Where the old crusades, waged by an ostensibly Christian Europe, had failed, the new crusade, waged by a godless Europe, succeeded. Both the efforts to liberate Jerusalem and the Holy Land were European. Both were crusades. In fact General Allenby himself confirmed this in his memorable declaration that he made when he entered Jerusalem as a conqueror: “*Today the crusades have ended*”. And so it is clear that the effort to liberate the Holy Land had nothing to do with religion. It had everything to do with that strange new actor on the stage of the world, i.e., Europe!

Britain then assumed control over the Holy Land as the Mandate Power under the cover of the League of Nations and proceeded to pursue the goal of establishing that Jewish National Homeland. This book poses the question: why this strange Euro-obsession with the Holy Land by a Europe which had now embraced secularism and materialism and was only nominally Christian?

If Europe's embrace of Christianity was something strange, then Europe's embrace of Judaism was stranger still. It was sometime in the seventh century,

perhaps, that the Khazer tribes of Eastern Europe embraced Judaism. When they became Jews they did so for essentially political reasons. Faith had no part to play in their conversion. Even before they converted to Judaism the Euro-Khazers were recognized to possess some mysterious power that permitted them to successfully and effectively block the advance of *Islam* into Europe.

Like Euro-Christians, so too Euro-Jews differed significantly from the Israelite Jews. Unlike Israelite Jews, Euro-Jews were obsessed about wresting control over the Holy Land. It was Euro-Jews who eventually established the Zionist Movement and pursued the same goal that Euro-Christians had pursued in the Crusades, i.e., the goal of liberating the Holy Land. This book poses the question: why this strange Euro-Jewish obsession with the Holy Land?

Britain assisted the Zionist Movement in effecting the ‘return’ of the Jews to the Holy Land, something finally accomplished after the creation of the State of Israel in 1948. When Britain, the midwife, delivered the baby ‘Israel’, the world witnessed what appeared to be the restoration of ancient Israel which had been destroyed by Allah Most High more than 2000 years previously.

After Britain had ruled the world for a few hundred years a strange and mysterious change occurred in which a new superpower became the ruler of the world. The clear evidence of that change was present in the First World War when US military intervention saved Britain from defeat. It was even more evident in the Second World War when an American General, Eisenhower, was chosen as Supreme Commander of all Allied troops that fought in the Second World War...

Then in 1944, at Bretton Woods in Upstate New York, an international conference was convened to establish a new inter-national monetary system. The British Sterling pound that was universally recognized as the key currency in the world of artificial paper money was displaced at Breton Woods by the US dollar. Similarly, London was displaced by Washington as the center of the new international monetary system...

The new superpower strangely and mysteriously emerged out of the same European civilization that had first fought the Crusades in an obsession with Jerusalem, and had played the leading role in the establishment of a Jewish National Homeland in the Holy Land. The new superpower continued where the old one left off in maintaining a strange and intimate relation with the Holy Land and the State of Israel. Thus when the State of Israel was declared to be independent in 1948, the first country in the world to recognize the Jewish State was the United States of America.

The new superpower made it abundantly clear that it had displaced Britain as the strategic partner of the Jewish State. Indeed, it proceeded to do so in a manner that subjected Britain to public humiliation. An Egyptian revolution had taken place in 1952 and the Egyptian army displaced the monarchy as the new ruler of Egypt. In 1956 Colonel Gamal Abdel Nasser replaced General Muhammad Naguib as Head of State and Nasser promptly proceeded to give a spectacular display of his nationalist credentials by nationalizing the Suez Canal. Israel perceived this as a strategic threat to the Jewish State. Britain, on the other, felt her superpower status challenged.

In a joint operation that was conducted independently of USA, the British French and Israeli governments launched a joint attack on Egypt and dislodged the Egyptian army from Suez. US President Eisenhower responded by ordering the withdrawal of the British, French and Israeli troops from Egyptian territory. Britain, the former superpower, was forced to withdraw her troops and the British government of Anthony Eden collapsed. Thereafter, and until the present, USA has been the patron par excellence of the Jewish State. This book poses the question: why this strange Euro-American obsession with the Holy Land?

If the European and American (including Euro-Christian and Euro-Jewish) obsession with the Holy Land has been strange, the future appears to hold even stranger things in store. Our view is that the world is about to witness the emergence of the European State of Israel (i.e., an Israel which was created by the Euro-Zionist Movement) as the super-power that would replace Britain and USA as the dominant power in the world. Euro-Israel already possesses enough nuclear and thermo-nuclear weapons to be ranked as a superpower. Its military technology is at par with the best in the world. Finally, Euro-Jewish financiers and bankers have it within their power to assume financial control of the world through the simple maneuver of causing the collapse of the US dollar. When the US dollar goes down it would bring down the entire world of paper money with it. This may be planned to synchronize with a spectacular Euro-Israeli display of military power in an attack on the Palestinians as well as neighboring Arab States. Israel will then successfully defy the rest of the world in holding on to the fruits of its war and, in so doing, establish itself as the ruling power in the world. When that occurs it would most certainly appear to the Israeli-Jews (i.e., *Banu Israil*) that they would be experiencing the return of the golden age, i.e., the age when Solomon's Israel ruled the world.

Does the *Qur'an* explain all of the above, and if so, what is that explanation?

We wish to concede at the outset that it was not possible for a book such as this to have been written before the return of the Jews to the Holy Land. And this appears to be the first book of its kind to be written since that event took place. Consequently when we use the *Qur'an* and *Ahadith* to explain the strange and mysterious events described above our explanation will surely come as a surprise even to scholars of *Islam*. It further appears to this writer that the Qur'anic explanation of all these strange events in Europe, and in the Holy Land, is knowledge that perhaps did not exist in the world before this time. Consequently it forces him, and all those who now accept as 'truth' what this book explains, as well as those who had already been blessed with this knowledge, to bow down most humbly before Allah Most High Who alone has "knowledge of all things", and "Who guides to His light whomsoever He chooses."

Those who would reject the Qur'anic explanation given in this book must themselves declare either that the *Qur'an* does not explain the return of the Jews to the Holy Land and the restoration of the State of Israel, or that there is a different explanation other than the one given in this book, in which case they are obliged to produce that other Qur'anic explanation!

Those who reject *Islam* and declare that they possess the Truth are challenged to use that Truth to explain this subject. Whether the modern secular State makes the claim to Truth, or whether it is made by Judaism, Christianity, Hinduism, Jainism, Buddhism,

Confucianism, Taoism, Bahaism,... secular humanism and liberalism, materialism, or atheism, that claim can only be validated if they can explain the subject here addressed. That appears to be the greatest importance of this book. It validates the Islamic claim to Truth!

The *Qur'an* proceeded to warn that the world would now witness the count down to the Last Day:

“Then will the true warning (of the Day of Accounts) draw close (to fulfillment): then behold! (on that day) the eyes of the Unbelievers will fixedly stare in horror: Ah! Woe to us! we were indeed heedless of this; nay, we truly did wrong!”

(*Qur'an, al-Anbiyah, 21-98*)

When Gog and Magog are released they would ‘swarm down from every height’ or ‘spread out in every direction’. This indicates that with their invincible power they will take control of the whole world and that, for the first time in history, one set of people would rule all of mankind. **That is the precise moment in history in which the world is now located.**

The world order of Gog and Magog would be one of *Fasad* (i.e., oppression and wickedness). *Surah al-Kahf* has described the two defining characteristics of the *Fasad* of that world order as being the opposite of the two defining characteristics of the world order of *Dhul Qarnain*. They were as follows:

Dhul Qarnain used power (built on the foundations of faith in Allah) to punish the oppressor and, in doing so, to establish a harmony between the world order here on earth with the heavenly world order above (i.e., a harmony of temporal reality with spiritual reality). Gog and Magog, on the other hand, would use their invincible power (built on foundations of Godlessness) to oppress, and to punish the oppressed. In doing so they establish here on earth a world order which would be in total conflict with the heavenly order above. Secondly, that world order would be one that would witness constantly increasing oppression.

Dhul Qarnain used power to reward those who had faith in Allah Most High and whose conduct was righteous. Gog and Magog would use power for exactly the opposite purpose.

Gog and Magog would thus create and sustain a world order that could not possibly escape being recognized by those whose spiritual vision (built on faith and righteous conduct) permitted them to see the reality of things. If the Jewish people allowed such a people to become the champions who would liberate for them the Holy Land and permit their return to Jerusalem, it would indicate that the Jewish people were spiritually blind.

From the time of medieval Euro-Christendom to the age of modern western civilization Europe has progressively displayed the characteristics of the world order of Gog and Magog and has also fulfilled their basic mission. Europe has corrupted the whole world and Europe it was which brought the Jews back to the Holy Land. It is therefore an indication of the utter spiritual blindness of the Jewish people that they

allowed themselves to be deceived and led down the road to their final destruction by Gog and Magog.

The Prophet (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa-sallam*) has provided for us a measure by which we can monitor the countdown to the time of the final punishment of the Jews. Firstly, this final punishment will not take place until Jesus, the true Messiah, kills *Dajjal*, the False Messiah, and until Allah Most High Himself destroys Gog and Magog through biological warfare. That moment cannot come while still there is water left in the Sea of Galilee. Consider the following *Hadith*:

“Narrated al-Nawwas ibn Sam'an:It will be under such conditions that Allah will reveal to Jesus these words: I have brought forth from among My servants such people against whom none will be able to fight; you take these people safely to Tur, and then Allah will send Gog and Magog and they will swarm down from every slope. The first of them will pass the lake of Tiberius (i.e., the Sea of Galilee) and drink out of it. And when the last of them passes, he will say: There was once water there. ..”

(Sahih Muslim)

It is therefore a matter of supreme importance that we direct attention to the water level in the Sea of Galilee.

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JERUSALEM IN THE QUR'AN

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PART ONE

Chapter 11

THE JEWS AND THE ARABS

“You will find (time and again) that the most hostile of all people to the Believers (i.e., Muslims) would be the Jews and those who are idol-worshippers or pagans; and nearest among them in love to the Believers would be those who say, ‘We are Christians’, because amongst these are men devoted to learning and men who have renounced the world, and they are not arrogant.”

(Qur'an, al-Maidah, 5:82)

Before we return to an examination of the most ominous of divine prophecies that has already been fulfilled, i.e., that Allah Most High will bring the Jewish people back to the Holy Land when the last ‘count down’ for their punishment begins, it is necessary for us to look at the subject of ‘Ishmael (*'alaihi al-Salam*), the Arabs and the Holy Land’. The subject is important since the Zionist Movement achieved the restoration of the State of Israel by forcing an exodus of Arabs from the Land and from their homes. They could not have dared to do that without some scriptural justification. However that scriptural justification on which they relied was a falsehood and a forgery that was perpetrated in the name of the God of Abraham (*'alaihi al-Salam*). The Zionists knew that it was a falsehood and they exploited it to the hilt. It is that subject which we now address in this chapter.

The Jewish Religious View of An Arab

The spiritual leader of Israel's Orthodox Shas Party of Sephardic Jews reportedly declared in his sermon on August 5, 2000: “*The Ishmaelites (Arabs) are all cursed evil-doers, all enemies of Israel. The Holy One, blessed be He, regrets that He created these Ishmaelites.*” The report described Rabbi Ovadia Yosef ridiculing the efforts of

the then Barak Government of Israel to reach some kind of an agreement with the Palestine Liberation Organization in their mutually conflicting claims to the sacred city of Jerusalem. “*Why divide the Old City?*” he asked, “*so that they can have another opportunity to kill us? Why do we even need them alongside us?*” Addressing Israeli Prime Minister Barak the Rabbi added: “*You bring snakes next to us. How can you make peace with a snake? . . . Barak is running amuck after the wicked Ishmaels....He will bring us snakes to live next to us in Jerusalem. He has no sense.*” The Jerusalem Post reported that the Rabbi’s remarks were greeted with applause (*see www.JerusalemPost.com - August 5, 2000*).

One reason for the Rabbi’s hostility toward the Ishmaelite people (i.e., Arabs) and to their claim to Jerusalem is, that the Book of Genesis in the Torah declared Ishmael to be:

“*....a wild ass of a man; his hand against everyman, and everyone's hand against him.*”

(*Genesis, 16:12*)

The Rabbi and his followers are thus likely to argue that the relentless and escalating oppression visited upon the Arabs by the State of Israel is justified as a divine sanction as conveyed in the ominous words: “*everyone's hand is against him*”. How else can the rest of the civilized world explain the ruthless and barbaric Israeli attack on the Jenin refugee camp? Had the Jews not rewritten the Torah with the addition of this falsehood against Ishmael (*'alaihi al-Salam*), the son of Abraham (*'alaihi al-Salam*), it would have been easier to discern the deception involved in the devilish Zionist scheme to dispossess the Arab-Muslims of the Holy Land in order to restore the State of Israel.

The description of Ishmael (*'alaihi al-Salam*), the Prophet of Allah Most High that is given in the *Qur'an*, clearly reveals this statement of the Torah to be a lie against Allah Most High:

“*Also mention in the Book (the story of) Ishmael: He was (strictly) true to whatever he promised and he was an Apostle (and) a Prophet. He used to enjoin on his people Prayer and Charity and he was most acceptable in the sight of his Lord.*”

(*Qur'an, Maryam, 19:54-5*)

“*And commemorate Ishmael, Elisha and Dhul-Kifl: each of them was of the company of the Good. This is a message (of admonition): and verily for the Righteous is a beautiful place of (final) Return....*”

(*Qur'an, Sad, 38:48-49*)

“*That was the reasoning about Us which We gave to Abraham (to use) against his people: We raise whom We will degree after degree: for thy Lord is full of wisdom and knowledge. We gave him Isaac and Jacob: all (three) We guided: and before him We guided Noah and among his progeny David, Solomon, Job, Joseph, Moses, and Aaron...*

“And Zakariya and John and Jesus and Elias: all in the ranks of the righteous: And Ishmael and Elisha and Jonas and Lot: and to all We gave favor above the nations: (To them) and to their fathers and progeny and brethren: We chose them. And We guided them to a straight way...”

“These were the men to whom We gave the Book and authority and Prophethood: if these (their descendants) reject them behold! We shall entrust their charge to a new People who reject them not. Those were the (Prophets) who received Allah's guidance: copy the guidance they received...”

“No just estimate of Allah do they make when they say: Nothing doth Allah send down to man (by way of revelation). Say: Who then sent down the Book that Moses brought as a light and guidance to man? But ye make it into (separate) sheets for show while you conceal much (of its contents)...”

“And this (Qur'an) is a Book which We have revealed bringing blessings and confirming (the revelations) which came before it: that thou may warn the Mother of Cities and all around her...”

(Qur'an, al-An'am, 6:83-92)

The Rabbi should beware of this dire warning given in the *Qur'an* to all those who attribute lies to Allah Most High including lies concerning Ishmael and the Ishmaelites:

“Who can be more wicked than one who concocts a lie against Allah or says: I have received inspiration when he hath received none or (again) who says: I can reveal the like of what Allah hath revealed? If you could but see how the wicked (do fare) in the flood of confusion at death! The angels stretch forth their hands (saying): Yield up your souls. This day shall you receive as your reward a penalty of shame for you used to tell lies against Allah and scornfully reject His Signs!”

(Qur'an, al-An'am, 6:93)

The Rabbi, and all those whose beliefs are based on such forgeries in the Torah, live in an unreal world. Their perception of reality is false and distorted. The damage done was that it created, and still sustains, a false belief concerning Ishmael ('alaihi al-Salam) above. At no time does the Torah offer any evidence of evil, misconduct or rebellion on the part of Ishmael ('alaihi al-Salam) that could explain that harsh allegedly divine condemnation. Rather, the same Ishmaelites whom the Rabbi now despises as 'snakes' offered the Jews residence amongst them for 2000 years. They enjoyed security for their lives and property, and were given freedom to live and worship as Jews.

Those who supported, and still support, the creation of the Impostor State of Israel (a secular, nationalist, essentially godless enterprise) on foundations of injustice and oppression, are a people with no spiritual insight at all. The same spiritual blindness which render them incapable of recognizing this Impostor State, ...that spiritual blindness also led them to declare that Mary had committed fornication, that Jesus (the Messiah) was a bastard child, and that his claim to be the Messiah was false. It also led

them to commit the most disgraceful and evil deed ever in history, i.e., to attempt to crucify Jesus ('alaihi al-Salam), and then to boast that they had succeeded in killing him. That spiritual blindness caused them to reject the last Prophet sent to mankind by the God of Abraham, the Prophet Muhammad (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*). It led them to reject the *Qur'an* as the Word of the God of Abraham, Most High. Their spiritual blindness has led them, time and again, to commit deeds that have provoked the anger of Allah, Most High. Their present racial, financial, and economic conduct is manifestly abominable.

When they insulted Moses ('alaihi al-Salam), a long time ago, and declared that he and his Lord should fight (to liberate the Holy Land) while they would remain where they were, Allah Most High responded to this abominable conduct by making the Holy Land *Haram* (prohibited) for them for 40 years, and by consigning them to wander in distraction through the earth. Then Allah Most High addressed Moses ('alaihi al-Salam) and said to him: "*Do not grieve over these sinful people.*" There is no place for sympathy in those words. Even if the world did not have the *Qur'an* pointing to forgeries written into the divine Torah, spiritual insight should have sufficed for the followers of the Torah and Bible to sense that all was not right with statements such as the one concerning Ishmael.

And so they did not deserve sympathy at that time, and for precisely the same reason they do not deserve sympathy now. Their time is up. Their fate is sealed. They have been deceived into the grandest deception history has ever witnessed, deceived into leaving the lands where they had lived amongst the Arab Ishmaelites in relative peace, security and religious freedom for 2000 years (Yemen, Morocco, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Syria, etc.) and to returning to the Holy Land to support oppression and injustice. Ominously so, that oppression increases day by day. Muslims did not deceive them. Muslims did not invite them to return. The *Qur'an* declares that the God of Abraham Himself ordained their return. The same God, Most High, Who twice ordained the destruction of the Temple (*Masjid*) built by Solomon ('alaihi al-Salam), will Himself ensure the destruction of the Impostor State of Israel. .. On the day that such occurs, and it is inevitable, the greatest divine punishment ever visited upon any people in history will unfold before their horrified eyes. Let the Rabbi take warning!

The same distorted perception of reality that is clearly visible in the statement of the Rabbi is also visible in the two negotiating partners who have negotiated, in an exercise in futility, the future of Jerusalem and the Holy Land, i.e., the PLO and the State of Israel. In their case, however, they both display total ignorance of, or disregard for, the *Qur'an* and the Torah as sources of guidance pertaining to the subject. They have more in common with each other than either has with the religions of *Islam* or Judaism. They are both secular nationalist movements that exploit religion... Secular nationalism has no appetite for the search for Absolute Truth.

Perhaps some ingenious compromise will be achieved pertaining to the Palestinian demand for East Jerusalem as the capital of their Palestinian State. But if and when that Palestinian State is established it will be a replica of the secular nationalist Jewish State of Israel. The Holy Land would then be more fully confirmed as part of the new world-order of *Shirk* that emerged from modern western civilization. *Shirk* is manifestly committed when sovereignty is located in the State rather than with Allah,

Most High! *Shirk* is committed when the State is vested with supreme authority, and when the law of the State is the supreme law!

The most brazen-faced display of *Shirk* we have ever encountered was a proposal which the US Government presented to seek to resolve the conflicting positions of the Israeli Government and the PLO regarding the site in which is located the *Masjid* built by Solomon, now known to Muslims as *al-Haram al-Sharif*, and to Jews as the Temple Mount. The US plan would have given to the State of Israel ‘sovereignty’ over the Western Wall (or ‘Wailing Wall’). The Jews recognize it as a remnant of the original Temple (*Masjid*) built by Solomon. The Palestinian State, on the other hand, would have had ‘sovereignty’ over *Masjid al-Aqsa* and the *Masjid* of Umar (known as the Dome over the Rock). And the God of Abraham (*'alaihi al-Salam*) would have had to be contented with ‘sovereignty’ over the rest of *al-Haram al-Sharif*.

Shirk is committed when the State proceeds to declare *Halal* what Allah Most High made *Haram*, and vice-versa. It is as certain as the sun rises in the East that the future Palestinian State will legalize gambling and lotteries and even establish state-sponsored lotteries. It will legalize *Riba*, i.e., the lending and borrowing of money on interest. It will legalize the consumption of alcohol. In other words, the Palestinian State will embrace *Shirk* in precisely the same way that Jewish Israel and the rest of the world (including most of the Muslim world) have already done. A Palestinian State established by the PLO would also visit upon its people the same decadence that today pervades the secular Jewish State as well as most of the rest of the world.

Muslims cannot, and should not, lend their support to any agreement such as the recent Saudi Plan, which seeks to legitimize the secular nationalist State of Israel and accept its fifty years of oppression upon the indigenous people of Palestine, Christians as well as Muslims. Nor should Muslims accept in the Holy Land the establishment of a Palestinian State that would be but a replica of the Jewish State.

This book also seeks to explain the reality to Jews who have so uncritically accepted a secular nationalist Israel as representative of the glorious State created by David (*'alaihi al-Salam*) and Solomon (*'alaihi al-Salam*). This State of Israel is an impostor that has deceived Jews. Dr. Isma'il Raji al-Faruqi, the Palestinian Islamic scholar who was an outspoken critic of Israel, and who was murdered in the dark, described Israel as “a colonial enterprise”, “conceived in sin”, “founded upon outdated concepts of national character and mission”, and “a militaristic oppressor of indigenous peoples”. The indigenous Arab people who were driven from their homes, or had to flee in terror, were a people who worshipped the God of Abraham. Yet, even when the Jews had consolidated their control over the Holy Land, they refused to invite these refugees to return to their homes, or to allow them to do so. To this day, more than fifty years later, the Jewish State adamantly refuses to allow the return of the refugees to their homes while extending an open invitation to Jews, wherever they may be in the world, to come and reside in the Holy Land. This is not virtuous conduct! Rather, it is Satanic!

The prophecies of Prophet Muhammad (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) indicate that the Zionist State of Israel will eventually betray *Banu Israil* and cast them before the very people who have been relentlessly oppressed by Israel with the most shameless and undisguised oppression.

Yassir Arafat is also an impostor who does not represent the Palestinians who were dispossessed of their homes and have been relentlessly oppressed by Israel for more than fifty years. Many have lived in refugee camps in Lebanon and elsewhere for more than fifty years. Arafat can betray them just as Israel is betraying the Jews. Those betrayed by Arafat will eventually be at the vanguard of the Muslim army that will confront and punish the Jews resident in the Holy Land when the State of Israel abandons them. That Muslim army has already demonstrated its fighting prowess in Southern Lebanon. And the Israeli withdrawal from Southern Lebanon, which effectively abandoned the surrogate Christian army in that territory (after it had fought on Israel's behalf), is a prelude to the more dramatic event that is to come.

The racial oppression of the Ishmaelites by the secular Jewish State of Israel has dramatically intensified the already awesome religious, political, and economic oppression in the Holy Land. That oppression is constantly increasing. It is in this context that we can now understand the ominous prophecy of Prophet Muhammad (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) who declared:

“You will surely fight the Jews, and you will surely kill them. (And this will continue) until (even) the stones will speak (saying): Oh Muslim! There is Jew hiding behind me so come and kill him.”

(Sahih Bukhari)

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JERUSALEM IN THE QUR'AN

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PART ONE

Chapter 12

A QUR'ANIC EXPLANATION OF THE RETURN OF THE JEWS TO THE HOLY LAND

“And say: Praise be to Allah, Who will soon show you His ‘Signs’, so that you would know them; and your Lord is not unmindful of all that you do.”

(Qur'an, al-Naml, 27:93)

We live in an age in which the Jews have returned to Jerusalem *to reclaim* it after a divinely imposed exile of almost 2000 years. Jerusalem flourishes today, exercising power and influence over the entire region. The State of Israel has secured advantageous ‘peace’ treaties with such client-states as Egypt and Jordan. Israel has also made agreements with the Palestine Liberation Organization progressively diluting its opposition to the establishment of the Jewish State. Even Saudi Arabia has entered into the same Israeli embrace acting very secretly until its dramatic emergence to offer the ‘Saudi Plan’ that includes *recognition* of the Jewish State.

The city of Madina, in the meantime has returned to being a ‘backwater’ city wielding no influence whatsoever on regional or world developments. Adding further to this insult to Madina’s injury the Saudi State, which emerged on the ruins of the Caliphate, was created as a client-state of Britain. When USA took over from Britain as the *Ruling State* in the world, the Saudi State became a client-state of USA. Saudi Arabia, like Israel, has been dependent from the very beginning of its existence on (first) Britain, and then USA for its very survival.

The *Saudi-Wahhabi* alliance in the Saudi State has faithfully preserved that client-state status ever since 1916 when ‘Abd al-Aziz ibn Saud accepted a British offer of 5000 Sterling pounds a month in return for an alliance which would allow the British to pursue their objective of wresting control of the *Hejaz* from Ottoman Islamic rule.

The *Wahhabi* religious movement accommodated this client-state status with the Christian and Jewish west, always holding the view that the Christians and Jews were closer to them than the rest of the Muslim world. The *Wahhabis* considered *non-Wahhabi* Muslims to be disbelievers accusing all of committing *Shirk!*

While the State of Israel also emerged as a client-state of the West, the fundamental difference between the two client-states, Israel and Saudi Arabia, is that the State of Israel is destined to not only rid itself of that client-state relationship, but to emerge as the superpower that will succeed both Britain and USA as the *Ruling State* in the world. When that occurs, the Saudi State will then become a client-state of Israel.

The Prophet (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) prophesied that this day would come. But it would hold an ominous promise for Israel:

“Narrated Mu'adh ibn Jabal: The Prophet (peace be upon him) said: The flourishing state of Jerusalem will be when Yathrib (i.e., Madina in modern-day Saudi Arabia) is in ruins, the ruined state of Yathrib will be when the great war comes, the outbreak of the great war will be at the conquest of Constantinople and the conquest of Constantinople when the Dajjâl (the false Messiah or Antichrist) comes forth. He (the Prophet) struck his thigh or his shoulder with his hand and said: This is as true as you are here or as you are sitting (meaning Mu'adh ibn Jabal).”

(Sunan, Abu Daud)

The flourishing state of Jerusalem today, substantially fulfils the above prophecy. Already Israel has successfully defied the President of USA as well as the Security Council of the UN both of whom demanded an Israeli military withdrawal from the Palestinian West Bank. This was after Israel had responded to a wave of Palestinian human bombers (who are *shuhada* and should not be referred to as ‘suicide’ bombers). This will increase when Israel wages her biggest ever war. That war will deliver to Israel a dramatic territorial expansion. The above prophecy of Prophet Muhammad (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) will then be more clearly understood.

The predictable collapse of the US economy and successful Israeli defiance of a US demand that Israel give up the territory acquired through war would result in the complete fulfilment of the prophecy. Similarly Yathrib's (i.e., Madina's) ruined state is already substantially fulfilled in the client-state status with the godless USA. When Israel takes over as the superpower of the world and the Saudi State becomes a client-state of Israel, the result would be complete fulfilment of the prophecy. The implication of the above is that the Muslims now stand on the brink of a great war that Israel would, perhaps, jointly initiate with Kemalist Turkey's armed forces. The Prophet (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) prophesied that war with Turkey whose military have now become a tool of Israel:

“Narrated Abu Hurairah:

The Prophet said: The Hour will not be established till you fight a nation wearing hairy shoes, and till you fight the Turks, who will have small eyes, red faces and flat noses; and their faces will be like flat shields. And you will find that the best people are those who hate responsibility of ruling most of all till they are chosen to be the rulers. And the people are of different natures: The best in the pre-Islamic period are the best in Islam. A time will come when any of you will love to see me rather than to have his family and property doubled.”

(Sahih, Bukhari)

The war may commence as a Turkish attack on Syria that will be used by Israel to provoke a greater conflagration in the region. But at the end of it all the State of Israel will emerge as the *Ruling State* in the world. Subsequent to this event *Dajjal* would emerge in *a day that would be like ‘our’ day*, i.e., he would appear in our dimension of time and hence in our world. It is certain that he would appear in Jerusalem as the ruler of the State of Israel. When *Dajjal*, the false Messiah, appears, it is at that time that the true Messiah, the son of Mary, would return. He would kill *Dajjal*, and then a Muslim army would destroy the State of Israel.

The Qur'an prophesied the return of the Jews to the Holy Land and also explained its implications. There are many Qur'anic declarations and many prophecies and pronouncements of the Prophet (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) pertaining to the destiny of Jerusalem. The reader should direct careful attention to the following ten declarations concerning the destiny of Jerusalem.

Both the *Qur'an* and the *Ahadith* affirm that Jesus (*alaihi al-Salam*) would one day return to the world. At that time, Jews would have no alternative but to believe in him as the Messiah. They would then be destroyed, but would die with the certain knowledge that the ‘truth’ to which they had clung was actually ‘falsehood’, while the rejected messages of Jesus (*alaihi al-Salam*) and of Muhammad (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) were in fact the ‘truth’. They will thus die with the certain knowledge that they would enter into hell.

After they boasted of their crucifixion of Jesus (*'alaihi al-Salam*), Allah expelled them from the Holy Land. The Qur'an then revealed the destiny of Jerusalem and of the Jews as follows:

- A Jewish Diaspora of bits and pieces scattered all over the earth
- Jews banned from returning to Holy Land to reclaim it
- Possibility for Jews to be forgiven by Allah, the Merciful, if they believe in the Prophet who would be ‘*Ummi*’ (unlettered and Gentile)
- Divinely-ordained return of the Jews to the Holy Land at the ‘End Time’ (the last stage of the Last Age)

- Gog and Magog responsible for the return of the Jews to the Holy Land
- A warning to the Jews that divine punishment can be repeated
- A warning of the worst punishment ever for the Jews
- Spiritual blindness when the time for the final punishment comes
- The body of Pharaoh (of the Exodus) would be recovered and that would indicate that the Jews would now suffer the same fate that he suffered
- Jews will have no alternative but to believe in Jesus as the Messiah when he returns but it would then be too late to save them from horrible punishment and from the hellfire.

1. A Jewish Diaspora of bits and pieces scattered all over the earth

When Allah Most High expelled the Jews from the Holy Land after their rejection of the Messiah and their attempt to kill him, He made a declaration which revealed that this new Diaspora would be different. Previously, in Babylon, the Jews had remained as a homogenous community living in one geographical location. But on the occasion of their second expulsion, Allah Most High declared that this time it would be different.

“And We dispersed them as separate communities (all over) the earth ”
(Qur'an, al-'Araf, 7:168)

This declaration of the *Qur'an* was spectacularly fulfilled when, for over two thousand years, the Jews remained dispersed all over the world. They lived during this period of time in Yemen, Morocco, Iraq, Iran, Egypt, Jordan, Libya, Ethiopia, Arabia, Syria, Turkey, etc.

The strangely scattered Jewish Diaspora which lasted for some 2000 years was meant to function as a sign to the Jews of divine anger and punishment, and many Jews recognized it as such.

2. Jews banned from returning to Holy Land to reclaim it

After expelling the Jews , Allah Most High placed a ban prohibiting their return to that Land. (They could come back as tourists but they could not return in order to reclaim it). That ban became a historical reality and remained in force for all to see for some two thousand years. And this constituted a dramatic confirmation of the declaration of the Qur'an in *Surah al-Anbiyah*:

“There is a ban on a ‘Town’ which We have destroyed, that they (the people of the Town) shall not return (to the Town in order to reclaim it).”

(Quran, al-Anbiyah, 21:95)

As has previously been demonstrated, that *town* mentioned refers to Jerusalem. That divine ban on the Jews prohibiting their return to Jerusalem (and the Holy Land) to reclaim it was meant to function as a sign to the Jews of divine anger and punishment. It was also meant to convey to them that they were no longer the ‘chosen people’.

3. Possibility for Jews to be forgiven by Allah, the Merciful, if they believe in the Prophet who would be ‘Ummi’ (unlettered and Gentile)

Even after Allah Most High had expelled the Jews from the Holy Land and then banned their return to Jerusalem (to reclaim it), the *Qur'an* declared that it was still possible for them to earn forgiveness from Allah, Most Forgiving:

“It may be that your Lord would have mercy on you.”

(Qur'an, Banu Israil, 17:8)

Allah Most High gave them a period of time during which He was prepared to forgive them if they mended their ways, sought His forgiveness, and returned to the religion of Abraham (*alaihi al-Salam*). But there was only one door through which that forgiveness could be obtained. The *Qur'an* addressed a *Banu Israil* who had already received both the Torah and the *Injil* (Gospel of Jesus), and informed them of the path to forgiveness as follows:

“Those who follow the Messenger, the unlettered Prophet, whom they find mentioned in their own (Scriptures) - in the Law and the Gospel - for he commands them what is just and forbids them what is evil; he allows them as lawful what is good (and pure) and prohibits them from what is bad (and impure); he releases them from their heavy burdens and from the yokes that are upon them. So it is those who believe in him, honor him, help him, and follow the Light which is sent down with him (i.e., the Qur'an), it is they who will achieve salvation.”

(Qur'an, al-'Araf, 7:157)

Thus in accepting, believing, and following the Last Prophet (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*), forgiveness could be earned.

There would be a number of signs by which it would be known that the time given to *Banu Israil*, in which to seek forgiveness, had now expired. Among those signs would be the release of *Dajjal*, and of Gog and Magog into the world. **Both of these took place during the lifetime of Prophet Muhammad** (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*), seventeen months after he had lived in Madina amongst the Jews. By this time it had become quite clear that the Jews had rejected him, and the *Qur'an*, and were conspiring to destroy Islam. At that moment Allah Most High sent down revelation decreeing that the *Ka'aba* be restored as the *Qiblah*. This change of *Qiblah* from Jerusalem to Makkah indicated that the one and only ‘window of opportunity’ open to the Jews to earn Divine Forgiveness and Mercy was now closed. The Last Age had

now commenced and the inevitable punishment of the Jews could no longer be averted. It was a thing decreed.

Although the Last Age had commenced, and the door to Divine Mercy had been closed, the Jews still had to wait before their final punishment was to occur. During much of the time before the countdown to final punishment would begin, the Jews would actually find sanctuary amongst Muslims:

“Shame is pitched over them (like a tent) wherever they are found, except when under a covenant (of protection) from Allah and from men; they draw on themselves wrath from Allah, and pitched over them is (the tent of) destitution. This because they rejected the Signs of Allah, and slew the Prophets in defiance of right; this because they rebelled and transgressed beyond bounds.”

(*Qur'an, Ale 'Imran, 3: 112*)

The time for the final ‘countdown’ to punishment would be preceded by Signs from Allah Most High. Among those Signs one of the most visible would be the recovery of the body of Pharaoh who had drowned while pursuing Moses ('alaihi al-Salam) and the Israelite people. Unfortunately for the Jews the body of that Pharaoh (Rameses 11) has already been recovered and it is now too late for them to repent (i.e., to make *Taubah*), to accept the Truth revealed by the God of Abraham ('alaihi al-Salam) in the *Qur'an*, and to believe in Muhammad (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) as the Final Messenger of Allah, Most High. It is also too late to avert the greatest of all divine punishments:

“Are they waiting to see if the angels come to them, or thy Lord (Himself), or certain of the ‘Signs’ of thy Lord? The day that certain of the ‘Signs’ of thy Lord do come (i.e., Dajjal, Y'ajuj and M'ajuj, the recovery of the body of Pharaoh, etc.) no good will it do to a soul to believe in them then, if it believed not before nor earned righteousness through its Faith. Say: “Wait! We, too, are waiting.”

(*Qur'an, al-An'am, 6:158*)

4. Divinely-ordained return of the Jews to Holy Land at the ‘End Time’ (i.e., the last stage of the Last Age)

The *Qur'an* went on to declare that Allah Most High would Himself bring the Jews back to the Holy Land in the ‘End Time’. The Jews would be deceived into believing that their success in returning to the Holy Land to reclaim it validates their claim to Truth. This prophecy pertaining to the final return to the Holy Land has also been fulfilled, even more spectacularly, through the establishment of the Impostor State of Israel:

“And We said thereafter to the Children of Israel: dwell securely in the (Holy) Land (on condition that you remain faithful to Allah and you are righteous in your conduct); but (know that) when the last of the warnings come to pass (i.e. when the Last Age arrives), We (shall) gather you together in a mingled crowd (i.e., you will all be brought back to the Holy Land complete with all the heterogeneity which you would have accumulated from long years of exile in the scattered Jewish Diaspora).”

(*Qur'an, Banu Israil, 17:104*)

This prophecy in the *Qur'an* declared that the Last Age would witness a return of the Jews to the Holy Land in which the accumulated diversity and heterogeneity would be on display. The expression *lajif* denotes a human crowd who are not all the same. This is precisely the description of Jewish society in today's Israel. It is a 'motley crowd' of Jews from so many different parts of the world, speaking in different languages, with different accents, wearing different clothes, eating different food, worshipping in different ways, in different synagogues, etc. But the most amazing difference is the racial, and that is where the Qur'anic prophecy has found ominous fulfilment. Modern Israel comprises large numbers of Jews who are a pure European people with blue eyes and blond hair. There is emerging genetic evidence demonstrating that European Jews (i.e., Ashkenazi Jews) are genetically different from every other people on earth. The racial homogeneity of a people descended from Abraham ('alaihi al-Salam) through Isaac ('alaihi al-Salam) and Jacob ('alaihi al-Salam), has now evaporated.

What is the meaning and implication of the fulfilment of the Qur'anic prophecy pertaining to the return of the Jews to the Holy Land in the Last Age?

5. Gog and Magog responsible for the return of the Jews to the Holy Land

There are at least three verses of the *Qur'an* that point distinctly in the direction of divine punishment for the Jews when they are brought back to the Holy Land. Here are two of these three verses:

“But there is a ban on a city which We destroyed: that they (i.e., the people of the city) shall not return (to that city), unless and until Gog and Magog are released, and they swiftly descend from every height (or spread out in every direction).”

(Qur'an, al-Anbiyah, 21:95-6)

While the identity of the 'city' has not been explicitly stated, it is quite clear that it cannot be other than Jerusalem. There is an indirect Qur'anic identification of the city as follows: The Rabbis in Madina responded to the appeal of the Quraish for a means whereby they could determine whether Muhammad (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) was indeed a Prophet. Their response was to pose three questions. If he could answer them all correctly then he would be a true Prophet. Allah Most High responded by revealing the answers to all three questions in Qur'anic revelation. The answers to the first two questions, i.e., the young men who fled into the cave and the 'great traveller' who travelled to the two ends of the earth, were placed in *Surah al-Kahf*. (see *al-Kahf*, 18:9-26; 83-98) But the answer to the third question concerning the *ruh* was placed in *Surah Banu Israil*, 17:85. The implication of this strange arrangement was a principle of interpretation that linked together the two *Surahs* of the *Qur'an* as a pair. Dr. Israr Ahmad, the eminent scholar of the *Qur'an*, has presented an abundance of evidence that confirm the pairing of the two *Surahs*.

And so, in order to locate the identity of the young men in the cave as well as the identity of *Dhul Qarnain*, *Y'ajuj* and *M'ajuj* and the *Qaryah* (city), we need to turn to *Surah Banu Israil* for assistance. When we do so we find that the *Surah* deals with only one *Qaryah* (city), Jerusalem.

The *Ahadith* of Prophet Muhammad (*sallalahu 'alaahi wa sallam*), on the other hand, directly establish the identity of the city. Not only is Jerusalem mentioned by name in the *Ahadith* concerning *Y'ajuj* and *M'ajuj* but also no other such city, destroyed by Allah Most High, is mentioned. The following *Hadith* that describes and narrates the event of the return of Jesus (*'alaahi al-Salam*) would suffice to establish the link between *Y'ajuj* and *M'ajuj* and the Holy Land, as well as Jerusalem, and hence identify the *qaryah* (city) as none other than Jerusalem:

“Narrated al-Nawwas ibn Sam'an:It will be under such conditions that Allah will reveal to Jesus (*'alaahi al-Salam*) these words: I have brought forth from among My servants such people against whom none will be able to fight; you take these people safely to Tur, and then Allah will send Gog and Magog and they will swarm down from every slope. The first of them will pass the lake of Tiberius (i.e., the Sea of Galilee) and drink out of it. And when the last of them passes, he will say: There was once water there. Jesus and his companions will then be besieged here at Tur, (and they will be so hard pressed) that the head of the ox will be dearer to them than one hundred dinars ”

(Sahih Muslim)

The Sea of Galilee is in the Holy Land. Secondly, the *Tur* (mountain) mentioned in the *Hadith* is a mountain in Jerusalem. This is mentioned in another version of the same *Hadith* on the authority of the same chain of transmitters:

“Gog and Magog would walk until they reach the mountain of al-Khamr, and it is a mountain of Bait al-Maqdis (i.e., Jerusalem) and they would say: We have killed those who are on the earth. Let us now kill those who are in the sky. They would shoot their arrows towards the sky and the arrows would return to them smeared with blood.”

(Sahih Muslim)

We are now in a position to recognize the return of the Jews to Jerusalem in the ‘End Time’ as a Sign, revealed in the *Qur'an*, which not only confirms the release of Gog and Magog, *i.e.*, *Y'ajuj* and *M'ajuj* but also reveals that they now control the world with a power which is indestructible. Now *Y'ajuj* and *M'ajuj* are agents of universal *fasad*. (see *Qur'an, al-Kahf*, 18:94). *Fasad* means “corruption, decay, wickedness, viciousness, immorality, perverseness, etc.” When *Y'ajuj* and *M'ajuj* embrace a people they lead that people into the hell-fire. The *Hadith* reveals that globalization, in the age of *Y'ajuj* and *M'ajuj*, will culminate with 999 out every 1000 entering the hell-fire:

“Narrated Abu Said Al Khudri: The Prophet said: On the day of Resurrection Allah will say: O Adam! Adam will reply: Labbaik our Lord, and Sa'daik. Then there will be a loud call (saying): Allah orders you to take from among your offspring a mission for the (Hell) Fire. Adam will say: O Lord! How many are they for the (Hell) Fire? Allah will say: Out of each

thousand, take out 999. At that time every pregnant female shall drop her load (have a miscarriage) and a child will have gray hair. “And you shall see mankind as in a drunken state, yet not drunk, but severe will be the torment of Allah”. (Qur'an, al-Hajj, 22:2) (When the Prophet mentioned this), the people were so distressed (and afraid) that their faces changed (in color) whereupon the Prophet said: From Y'ajuj and M'ajuj nine hundred and ninety-nine will be taken out, and one from you. You Muslims (compared to the large number of other people) will be like a black hair on the side of a white ox, or a white hair on the side of a black ox, and I hope that you will be one-fourth of the people of Paradise. On that, we said: Allahu-Akbar! Then he said: I hope that you will be one-third of the people of Paradise. We again said: Allahu-Akbar! Then he said: (I hope that you will be) one-half of the people of Paradise. So we said: Allahu-Akbar.”

(Sahih Bukhari)

The Jewish return to Jerusalem, and the restoration of the State of Israel, was made possible through Gog and Magog (*Y'ajuj* and *M'ajuj*), and by the False Messiah (*al-Masih al-Dajjal*). It thus constitutes the greatest possible danger to which Jews have ever been exposed in all their history. In fact their fate is now sealed. But they are not even aware of it. Only by embracing the *Qur'an* as the divinely revealed word of the God of Abraham, and the teachings of Muhammad the Prophet (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*), the Last Prophet, would it have been possible for the Jewish people to realize the reality that now confronts them. The references to the *Qur'an* and *Ahadith* in this book should assist them in understanding that reality.

6. A warning to the Jews that divine punishment can be repeated

The *Qur'an* warned the Jews that if they returned to their wicked ways Allah, the Supreme, would return with His punishment. He first punished them with a Babylonian army. Then He punished them with a Roman army. The last punishment, when it takes place, would be with a Muslim army:

“It may be that your Lord may (yet) show Mercy unto you; but if ye revert (to your sins) We shall revert (to Our punishments): and We have made Hell a prison for those who reject (all Faith).”

(*Qur'an, Banu Israil, 17:8*)

7. A divine warning of the worst punishment ever for the Jews

The *Qur'an* gave as clear and as plain a warning as was possible to the Jews that one day they would face the reality that now confronts them, i.e., *Y'ajuj*, *M'ajuj* and *Dajjal*, the False Messiah would be released into the world. The Jews refused to believe in the *Qur'an* as the revealed word of the God of Abraham and in Muhammad

(*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) as the Last Prophet of the God of Abraham. In consequence of this they are incapable of recognizing that reality:

“Behold! Thy Lord made it known that He would send against them (i.e., the Jews) to the Day of Resurrection such (beings) who would afflict them with great suffering. Thy Lord is quick in retribution, but He is also Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful.”
(Qur'an, al-'Araf, 7:167)

The law of Allah Most High is that punishment must be commensurate with or equivalent to the crime. And since the Jews committed the worst possible crime in attempting to crucify Jesus (*alaihi al-Salam*), of changing the Torah, etc., they would pay for it with the worst possible punishment. That punishment would commence even before the Day of Judgment. Indeed it would commence after the Last Prophet (Muhammad) had come to the world and had been rejected. A series of dramatic events would then occur culminating in the worst possible punishment for the Jews. Allah would raise those who would function as the major actors of that drama: Gog and Magog, and *Dajjal*, the False Messiah.

8. Jewish spiritual blindness when the time for the last punishment comes

Allah Most High has Himself ensured that neither the Jews nor the non-believing in the world would be able to perceive the reality of their own condition:

“I will turn away from My signs the eyes of those who are unjustly arrogant in the land, so that even if they see each and every sign they will not believe in it. If they see the Right Way before them they will not follow it, but if they see a crooked way they will follow it. This is because they denied Our revelations and were heedless of them.”
(Qur'an, al-'Araf, 7:146)

The major actor in that awesome drama of the Last Age is none other than the False Messiah himself, *Dajjal*. It is significant that the most important of all the equipment with which Allah Most High has endowed *Dajjal* (for the purpose of accomplishing his mission) is his ‘one eye’. *Dajjal* is blind in his right eye, and that indicates his internal spiritual blindness. All those who are deceived by him would themselves become spiritually blind and hence would be incapable of seeing and recognizing the Signs of Allah in the Last Age. This would continue until the return of the True Messiah, Jesus the son of Mary.

9. The body of Pharaoh (of the Exodus) would be recovered and that would indicate that the Jews would now suffer the same fate that he suffered

The *Qur'an* provided yet another sign to show that the final countdown for *Banu Israil* in the Last Age had now arrived and that the worst possible punishment would now be unleashed upon them by Allah Most High. That divine sign was the recovery of the body of the Pharaoh who was drowned when he attempted to cross the sea in pursuit of Moses (*'alaihi al-Salam*). Allah Most High had parted the sea in order to save

Banu Israil. And after they had crossed over to safety He brought down the waters on Pharaoh and his army and they were all destroyed. The *Qur'an* refers to this:

“And remember We parted the Sea for you and saved you and drowned Pharaoh’s people before your very sight.”

(Qur'an, al-Baqarah, 2:50)

Banu Israil did not know, and still do not recognize, that they would themselves *one day* be destroyed (as Pharaoh was destroyed), and in the same manner as Pharaoh if they betrayed Allah Most High and committed certain sins.

How did Pharaoh die? The gentle reader would be astonished when he reads of the Qur'anic account of Pharaoh's death:

“We took Banu Israil across the sea: then Pharaoh and his hosts followed them in insolence and spite. At length, when overwhelmed with the flood, he said: I (now) believe that there is no god except Him Whom the Children of Israel believe in: I am of those who submit (to Allah Most High in Islam).

“(It was said to him:) Ah now! But a little while before, you were in (a state of) rebellion! And you were inflicting oppression (and violence)!

“And so this day (We have decided that) We shall save you in your body (i.e. We shall preserve your dead body), so that you (i.e., your dead body when it reappears in history) may be a Sign for those who come after you! But verily, most among mankind are heedless of Our Signs!”

(Qur'an, Yunus, 10:90-2)

“But when they continued to challenge Us We inflicted Our retribution on them and drowned them all. And We made them a thing of the past and an (ominous) example for those to come after them.”

(Qur'an, al-Zukhruf, 43:55-6)

And so the *Qur'an* made the amazing prophecy that the dead body of the Pharaoh of the exodus would one day be discovered, and that when it was discovered that would constitute a most ominous divine sign. Amazingly the body of that Pharaoh was discovered close to the end of the last century. It was an even more ominous sign for the Jews that the Zionist Movement was also established at just about the same time that the body of Pharaoh was discovered. It is clear that *Dajjal*, the False Messiah, was the mastermind behind the creation of the Zionist Movement. And so the age of Gog and Magog was also the age of *Dajjal*.

The implication of the above is that the Jews were now being led by *Dajjal*, the False Messiah, and by Gog and Magog, on a path which would witness the worst possible punishment being unleashed against them and which would culminate with divinely ordained destruction. But the end would come upon them in the same way that the end came to Pharaoh. What would be that end? The discovery of the body of Pharaoh was a momentous Sign from Allah Most High that the world would now witness the greatest drama ever enacted in human history. Time was now up for the

Jews in particular, and for all of mankind in general. Those who lived like Pharaoh would now die the way Pharaoh died.

10. Jews will have no alternative but to believe in Jesus as the Messiah when he returns, but it would then be too late to save them from punishment and hellfire

After the *Qur'an* narrated the event in which the Jews attempted to have Jesus ('alaihi al-Salam) crucified, and then boasted that they had achieved their goal, Allah Most High delivered the most ominous of warnings. The Jews who rejected Jesus ('alaihi al-Salam) as the Messiah (and Christians who worshipped him as God) were informed that they would (have to) believe in him (Jesus) before he experienced *Maut*, i.e. after he returns and before he dies. Thus Jews would have to believe in him as the Messiah and Christians would have to cease worshipping him as God and recognize him as a Prophet:

“And there is none of the People of the Book but must believe in him before his death; and on the Day of Judgment he will be a witness against them.”

(*Qur'an, al-Nisa, 4:159*)

The above verse indicated that when Jesus ('alaihi al-Salam) returned the Jews would not only recognize and confirm their faith in him as the Messiah, but would also, by implication, recognize and confirm their faith in Muhammad (sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam) as the Final Prophet sent by the God of Abraham, and the *Qur'an* as the Final Divine Revelation. But this last-minute affirmation of faith on the part of Jews would be of no benefit to them in the same way that his last-minute affirmation of faith was of no avail for Pharaoh (he was still condemned to the hellfire). That is the ominous message to the Jews that has emerged in consequence of the recovery of Pharaoh's body!

The further implication, crucial for the proper understanding of the historical process as the world moves to the moment of the final grand climax, is that the Jews as well as non-believers would remain absolutely convinced up to the very last moment prior to that grand climax, that they are on the path of success. And so the divinely ordained profile for the Truth (i.e., *Islam*) in the world in the Last Age is one in which external observation increasingly indicates that *Islam* has failed. That is precisely the world today.

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JERUSALEM IN THE QUR'AN

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PART ONE

Chapter 13

THE QUR'ÂN AND THE DESTINY OF JERUSALEM

“.... but if ye revert (to your violation of the condition imposed for inheritance of the Holy Land) We shall revert (to Our punishments. i.e., you will be expelled again and again) . . .”

(Qur'an, Banu Israil, 17:8)

Prophet Muhammad said: “Prophethood will last among you as long as Allah wishes it to last, and then Allah will raise it. Afterwards there will be the Khilafah according to the ways of the Prophethood as long as Allah wishes to last, then Allah will raise it. Afterwards there will be hereditary rule (by consent) and it will last as long as Allah wishes, then Allah will raise it. Afterwards there will be biting oppression and it will last as long as Allah wishes, then Allah will raise it. Afterwards there will be a Khilafah according to the ways of Prophethood and then the Prophet was silent”

(Musnad, Ahmad bin Hanbal)

After punishing the Jews by expelling them from the Holy Land for a second time, Allah Most High declared His intention to keep on punishing them if they kept on desecrating the Holy Land with violations of the condition of faith and righteous conduct:

“...but if ye revert (to your violation of the condition imposed for inheritance of the Holy Land) We shall revert (to Our punishments, i.e., you will be expelled again and again)....”

(Qur'an, Banu Israil, 17:8)

The destiny of Jerusalem is plainly written in the above warning in the *Qur'an*. Regardless of agreements negotiated between the secular nationalist representatives of the Palestinian people and the secular nationalist European Jewry who presume to

represent the Israelite ‘seed’ of Abraham (*'alaihi al-Salam*), *Banu Israil*, the destiny of Jerusalem is plainly visible in the context of the godlessness, decadence and oppression now polluting the Holy Land. The most extraordinary is the state of godlessness and the abandonment of the religious way of life. A recent editorial in the Jerusalem Post has this to say: *For too many Israelis, Jewishness has become an archaic, primitive, and irrelevant system that competes for power and funding, and even a source of embarrassment for an intellectually-oriented modern society* (*Jerusalem Post*, September 12, 2000).

Among the Divine ‘Signs’ shown to Prophet Muhammad (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) during his miraculous visit to Jerusalem was revealed to him the destiny of Jerusalem. Not surprisingly this matter seems to have escaped the attention of Daniel Pipes, who, like so many other Jews, seems not to hear the ‘stones’ of the *intifada* that have already begun to speak in the Holy Land.

The *Qur'an* has clearly established a destiny of Jerusalem that would witness Muslims resuming their *rule* over Jerusalem which began shortly after the death of the Prophet (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*), and continuing uninterruptedly for a few hundred years. When the Euro-Christian crusaders conquered Jerusalem they were allowed a brief rule of about eighty years before the destiny of Jerusalem prevailed. A Muslim army defeated the Crusaders and the rule of Muslims over the Holy Land was resumed. Again, it continued uninterruptedly for a few hundred years until when, by Divine plan, the Jews were to be brought back to the Holy Land. It is hardly likely that the present Jewish rule would last for more than eighty years, and Allah Knows best. A Muslim army will then defeat the Jews, and Muslim rule will be restored. Allah Most High declared as much when He spoke in the *Qur'an*:

“Allah has promised to those among you who believe (in Islam) and are righteous in conduct that He will surely cause them to inherit the land (i.e., the Holy Land), as He granted it to those before them (i.e., the Jews); that He will establish their religion (i.e., Islam) in authority (in the Holy Land), the (religion) which He has chosen for them (see Qur'an, al-Maidah, 5:3); and that He will change (their state) after the fear in which they (lived) to one of security and peace: ‘They will worship Me (alone) and not associate aught with Me.’ If any do reject faith after this they are rebellious and wicked.”

(Qur'an, al-Nur, 24:55)

When the *Qur'an* referred to the state of fear in which the believers live it must surely include the present awesome Israeli oppression in the Holy Land. The Qur'anic verse also makes clear that the only Muslims who will participate in the coming inheritance of the Holy Land are those who worship Allah alone and who do not commit *Shirk*. The PLO has no part of that community of those who remain faithful to Allah, Most High.

This promise of the *Qur'an* is also confirmed by the Prophet (*'alaihi al-Salam*) in the following *Hadith*:

“Abu Hurairah reported that the Prophet (*'alaihi al-Salam*) said: Black banners shall emerge from Khorasan (i.e. an area which is now included in Afghanistan, Pakistan and a little in Iran

and Central Asia), and no force will be able to stop them until they are inserted in Aelia (Jerusalem).”

(Sunan Tirmidhi)

The *Qur'an* also provides the moral justification for that ‘armed struggle’. The God of Abraham Himself declared that He has authorized warfare for the purpose of responding to oppression which witnesses a people being driven out of their homes and out of the land in which they live for no just cause other than that they are Muslims:

“To those against whom war is made, permission is given (to fight), because they are wronged; and verily, Allah is Most Powerful for their aid; (They are) those who have been expelled from their homes in defiance of right, (for no cause) except that they say, “Our Lord is Allah.”

(*Qur'an, al-Hajj, 22:39-40*)

It is the destiny of Jerusalem that a Muslim army will destroy the State of Israel and the Messiah (Jesus the son of Mary) will then rule over mankind from Jerusalem as a Just Ruler. Jesus, the Messiah ('alaihi al-Salam), would ‘rule’ the world from the Islamic State that would be established in the Holy Land at that time and in place of the imposter Zionist Jewish State of Israel.

It is also the destiny of Jerusalem that before the above can occur the Jewish State of Israel must become the ‘ruling state’ of the world. Israel will ‘rule’ over the world for a period of *a day that would be like a week*. At the end of that period the False Messiah would then himself appear with *his day like our day*. At that time the water in the Sea of Galilee would have dried up. *Dajjal* would ‘rule’ the world from Jerusalem and so fulfil his mission of impersonating the true Messiah. After *Dajjal* appears in person it is then that *Imam al-Mahdi* will appear.

The Prophet (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) spoke about this event in the following *Hadith*:

“Prophet Muhammad said: Prophethood will last among you as long as Allah wishes it to last, and then Allah will raise it. Afterwards there will be the Khilafah according to the ways of the Prophethood as long as Allah wishes to last, then Allah will raise it. Afterwards there will be hereditary rule (by consent) and it will last as long as Allah wishes, then Allah will raise it. Afterwards there will be biting oppression and it will last as long as Allah wishes, then Allah will raise it. Afterwards there will be a Khilafah according to the ways of Prophethood and then the Prophet was silent”

(Musnad Ahmad bin Hambal)

Dajjal would attack the *Imam* in Damascus, and Jesus the true Messiah, would then descend and kill *Dajjal* the false Messiah. After *Dajjal* is killed it would be at that time that the last of *Y'ajuj* and *M'ajuj* are released and they pass by the Sea of Galilee declaring, “*there used to be water here*”. *Y'ajuj* and *M'ajuj* would pursue Jesus the Messiah to a mountain in Jerusalem and Allah would command Jesus to climb the mountain. *Y'ajuj* and *M'ajuj* would then boast that they have killed those who are on earth and they now turn to kill those who are in the heavens. They shoot their arrows up into the sky and Allah allows the arrows to return with blood upon them. Jesus the Messiah would then pray to Allah to destroy *Y'ajuj* and *M'ajuj* and Allah would destroy them with insects that attack them at the back of their necks.

When *Y'ajuj* and *M'ajuj* are destroyed the dominant ‘white world order’ will crumble and the modern world of scientific and technological wonders will collapse. This book anticipates that that event is not more than another fifty years away. It is at that time that the Muslim army would emerge from *Khorasan* and would then face the Jews on a level battle field. The Prophet (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) declared in a *Hadith* that is located in both *Sahih Bukhari* and *Sahih Muslim* that Muslims would then fight the Jews. Here are his words:

“You will surely fight the Jews, and you will surely kill them. (And this will continue) until (even) the stones will speak (saying): Oh Muslim! There is Jew hiding behind me so come and kill him.”

(Sahih, Bukhari)

“Narrated Abu Hurairah: Allah's Messenger said: The Last Hour would not come unless the Muslims fight against the Jews. The Muslims would kill them until the Jews would hide themselves behind a stone or a tree, and a stone or a tree would say: Muslim, or the servant of Allah, there is a Jew behind me; come and kill him; but the tree Gharqad would not say (such), for it is the tree of the Jews.”

(Sahih Muslim)

It is a very simple matter indeed to eliminate those scholars of Islam who are incapable of providing true guidance in this age. They would be scholars who would never, or hardly ever, publicly quote the above *Hadith*.

The destiny of Jerusalem is such as to give to Muslims the greatest confidence and hope that Truth will triumph over falsehood and oppression.

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PART TWO

Chapter 1

THE HOLY LAND AND THE POLITICAL SHIRK OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL

“We gave Moses the Book and made it a Guide to the Children of Israel, (commanding): Take not other than Me as (Supreme) Disposer of (your) affairs.”

(Qur'an, Banu Israil, 17:2)

(*Shirk* is the worship of any other than the God of Abraham (*'alaihi al-Salam*). Any corruption of that worship of that one God is also *Shirk*. *Kufr* is the rejection of Truth.)

Israel is a modern secular state located in the Holy Land. Its political system is based on political secularism. What is the religious legitimacy of such a modern secular state when judged according to the religion of Abraham (*'alaihi al-Salam*)? And does such a secular state, established in the Holy Land, conform with, or violate, the Divine conditions for inheritance of that Holy Land? This chapter attempts to answer those questions.

The World Order today

It is strange that in a world that still comprises many great non-European civilizations none today has control over territory. Everywhere in the world today mankind is subjected to the rule of European civilization and has been embraced by the European model of a secular state. The European system of secular states eventually produced a novel international political institution called (initially) the League of Nations later resurrected as the United Nations. In the name itself, ‘United Nations’, was enshrined the goal of the New World Order created by Europe to unite the world under European political influence and control so that Europe could eventually rule the world. At the time this book is being written Europe stands at the very verge of final and complete success of that political strategy. All the non-

European civilizations in the world appear helpless to liberate themselves from the secular European stranglehold.

The ultimate consequence of this European effort, however, was to make possible the *return* of the Jews to the Holy Land and to deliver the *rule* to the Jews so that they may *rule* the world from Jerusalem.

The *Qur'an* (*al-Anbiyah*, 21:96) had very plainly declared that when Gog and Magog were released into the world by Allah Most High they would “*descend from every height*”. In consequence of such, a people who had been expelled from a ‘Town’ which was destroyed by Allah Most High, and whose return was prohibited, would now return to that ‘Town’ to reclaim it. This book has argued that the ‘Town’ is Jerusalem! When Gog and Magog *descend from every height* it would be impossible for the rest of mankind to resist them because of the Divine declaration:

“I have brought forth from among My servants such people against whom none will be able to fight; you take these people safely to Tur, and then Allah will send Gog and Magog and they will swarm down from every height.”

(Sahih Muslim)

It is clear from the above that European civilization (after the advent of Prophet Muhammad) is the civilization of Gog and Magog.

Genesis of the modern secular state

The modern secular state emerged after Euro-Christian civilization was mysteriously attacked from within and was subjected to ominous and revolutionary change causing a civilization that was ostensibly based on faith in Christianity and Judaism to be transformed into an irresistibly powerful, essentially godless, amazingly deceptive and appallingly decadent civilization. This was one of the most unique and momentous events ever to have occurred in European history.

The godlessness of modern European civilization was plainly apparent in its embrace of ‘materialism’ which was the logical culmination of the adoption of a new ‘one-eyed’ epistemology that insisted that knowledge was derived from only one source, i.e., external observation and experimentation. The other ‘eye’, i.e., internal intuitive spiritual insight, was rejected as a means through which knowledge could be acquired.

The modern secular state emerged in consequence of the application of that new European godlessness to political philosophy and political theory. But while the secular state appeared previously in history, it was only in the modern age that it became a universal phenomenon embracing all of mankind in a new secular world order. And the modern age emerged in consequence of that European revolution which embraced all of mankind in its godless secular embrace, and proceeded to transform all

of mankind into a single, global, godless, secular and decadent world. Is there anything that explains it? Our claim is that only the *Qur'an* explains it!

The godless European revolution was an even more mysterious phenomenon since it was accompanied by a scientific and technological revolution that empowered godless Europe with a ‘power’ that seemed invincible, and gave it such ‘glamour’ that made it irresistible. The steam engine, trains, motorcars, trucks, mechanized tanks for warfare, ships powered by steam and oil, airplanes, etc., completely changed the way the world travelled and waged war, changing the way people lived. Electricity changed people’s lives. Telephones and telegraph made instantaneous communication over long distances possible and this, in turn, changed the way people lived. And a feminist revolution gave to woman the freedom to embrace the functional role of men in society in defiance of the functional difference established and ordained by Allah, Most High (*Qur'an*, *al-Lail*, 92:4). That was heralded as women’s liberation! It resulted in the most momentous and ominous change of all in the way people lived.

The new Europe directed a sustained attack on mankind by appealing to base instincts of greed and lust. A sexual revolution promised to make sex – natural and unnatural – as readily and freely available as sunshine. Marriage was increasingly considered to be redundant and people could choose to live together without being married and yet be considered to be leading respectable lives.

Homosexuality and lesbianism were defended as alternate sexuality and became so acceptable in the popular consciousness that a homosexual or lesbian priest or Rabbi could emerge out of the closet to claim respectability and continue to function as a priest or Rabbi. Indeed, even the word ‘homosexuality’ was secularized in order to remove the social repugnance attached to unnatural sex. It was replaced with the word ‘gay’. An unsuspecting public accepted the apparently innocent change of name.

A consumer revolution gave to mankind an insatiable appetite for acquiring more and more of the new consumer goods that dazzle the eye.

The new godless Europe proceeded to use ‘power’ to conquer the rest of the world and to colonize it, and then to use ‘glamour’ to seduce all of mankind into imitating the godless decadent European way of life and new consumer culture. The godless European revolution witnessed its political turning point in the American, French and Bolshevik revolutions in 1776, 1787-1800, and 1917. The economic turning point was the emergence of the usurious economic system based on *Riba*, and it was fully achieved through the Protestant revolution. And the cultural turning point was the emergence of the feminist revolution with its struggle for women’s liberation. But none of these revolutions would have been possible without the accompanying scientific and technological revolutions.

Shirk and Kufr of the modern secular state

At the end of those revolutions Euro-Christian civilization, which used to be based on faith in God and in His Sovereignty and Supremacy no longer recognized the God of Abraham (*'alaihi al-Salam*) as Sovereign, nor His Authority and His Law as supreme. The ‘modern secular state’ was now recognized as ‘sovereign’, and that was *Shirk!* The authority and law of the ‘modern secular state’ were now recognized as ‘supreme’, and that was *Shirk!* The state had the authority to declare *Halal* (i.e. to declare legal and permissible) that which the God of Abraham (*'alaihi al-Salam*) had declared to be *Haram* (illegal and prohibited) – and it proceeded to do so – and that was *Shirk!*

Shirk is a very great sin. Indeed it is the greatest of all sins. It is the one sin that the God of Abraham, Most High, declared that He would not forgive:

“Surely Allah does not (or will not) forgive Shirk. But He (can) forgive everything else to whomsoever He wishes. And whoever commits Shirk has committed an awesome sin”.

(*Qur'an, al-Nisa, 4:48*)

Whoever commits *Shirk*, and dies in that state, can never enter into heaven:

“ Allah has made it Haram for whoever commits Shirk to ever enter into heaven. Such (people) will dwell in hell ”

(*Qur'an, al-Maidah, 5:72*)

The worship of idols is the most overt form of *Shirk*. This form of *Shirk* has largely disappeared from the world today.

But there are other forms of *Shirk* that are also described in the *Qur'an*. Pharaoh, for example, declared to Moses (*'alaihi al-Salam*): *“I am your Lord-God the Most High”*, and he declared to the Chiefs of his people: *“Oh Chiefs! No God do I know for you but myself ... ”*. That was *Shirk!* The worship of Pharaoh by the Egyptian people required them to submit to his authority as the supreme authority in the land of Egypt, and to recognize his law as the supreme law in the land of Egypt. That, also, was *Shirk!*

The *Qur'an* has repeatedly admonished those who establish *Hukm*, i.e., the system of law and justice, on the basis of ‘other than’ or ‘contrary to’ Allah’s authority and Allah’s law. However, when the divine guidance reaches a people (such as Jews, Christians, Muslims), and they accept that guidance, then the situation is quite different. If such people have an opportunity to establish their control over territory and they then fail to establish law and authority on the basis of the revealed Divine Law, then the *Qur'an* unequivocally condemns them and accuses them of *Kufr* (disbelief), *Dhulm* (injustice) and *Fisq* (wickedness and awesome sin):

“ And whoever fails to judge on the basis of that which Allah revealed has committed Kufr (disbelief). ”

“ And whoever fails to judge on the basis of that which Allah revealed has committed Dhulm (injustice and oppression). ”

“ And whoever fails to judge on the basis of that which Allah has revealed, has committed Fisq (wickedness and enormous sin).”

(*Qur'an, al-Maidah, 5:44 - 47*)

Since the declaration by Pharaoh and its concrete application in the land of Egypt were acts of *Shirk*, it followed therefrom that the same declaration by the modern secular state was also an act of *Shirk!* Since the God of Abraham ('alaihi al-Salam) declared that: “Whoever fails to judge on the basis of that which Allah revealed has committed Kufr (disbelief), Dhulm (injustice and oppression) and Fisq (wickedness and enormous sin)”, and the modern secular state has done precisely that, it followed therefrom that Jews, Christians, Muslims etc, who establish the secular state after having received the Divine Law through the Torah, Psalms, Gospel and *Qur'an*, would be guilty of having committed *Kufr*, *Dhulm* and *Fisq!*

If a Jew, Christian, or Muslim, were to cast a vote in a national election in a modern secular state, that vote would imply that he considered that party he voted for to be fit to govern over him. And if that party as government committed or commits *Shirk*, *Kufr*, *Dhulm* and *Fisq*, then the implication would be that the Jew, Christian, or Muslim, would follow his Party and his Government into *Shirk*, *Kufr*, *Dhulm* and *Fisq!* The *Qur'an* has also denounced as *Shirk* the act of making *Halal* whatever Allah had made *Haram* (and vice-versa). Thus revelation came down from the God of Abraham ('alaihi al-Salam) in which He denounced Jews and Christians of such a monstrous sin:

“They took their Priests and Rabbis as Lord-Gods beside Allah; and (they did this in respect of) the Messiah, the son of Mary (as well). But they were not ordered other than to worship and serve one God. Glory is to Him. He is far and above the Shirk which they commit.”

(*Qur'an, al-Taubah, 9:31*)

When the Jews acted in this way, David ('alaihi al-Salam) and Jesus ('alaihi al-Salam) cursed them:

“Curses were pronounced on those among Banu Israil who rejected Faith, by the tongue of David and of Jesus, the son of Mary, because they disobeyed and persisted in excesses. They did not enforce the prohibition of that which was sinful and evil which they committed: evil indeed were the deeds which they did.”

(*Qur'an, al-Maidah, 5:78-9*)

Whoever dies with a curse of a Prophet upon them have no chance whatsoever of ever escaping from the burning flames of the hellfire! In fact it is the height of hypocrisy for a people to declare that they worship the God of Abraham and to then proceed to legalize that which He had made illegal, and to prohibit that which He had made permissible:

“The Hypocrites, men and women, (have an understanding) with each other: they enjoin evil, and forbid what is just, and are close with their hands. They have forgotten Allah; so He hath forgotten them. Verily the Hypocrites are rebellious and perverse.”

(*Qur'an, al-Taubah, 9:67*)

If it were an act of *Shirk* when Priests and Rabbis made *Halal* that which Allah declared to be *Haram*, then it would also be an act of *Shirk* when a government does the same thing now. And if it earned the curses of Prophets at that time, it would do the same now!

Now the usual method of approach for studying this subject is to weigh the ‘pros’ and ‘cons’ of participation by believers in the electoral politics of the modern secular state. The defenders of the secular state wax eloquently about its merits. Some argue: “If we do not participate in electoral politics then we will have no political representation – no one to struggle for our rights.” At a more serious level of thought another argument is raised: “Participation in electoral politics is the necessary condition for any successful struggle to change the godless political system.” The matter of *Shirk* is addressed by way of a subterfuge: “We will participate in elections but will do so on the basis of a public stand that we do not accept the secular constitution and the secular state which it preserves. This escape clause will protect us from *Shirk*.”

Our response is to point out that participation in electoral politics in a secular state *ipso facto* signifies acceptance of the secular character of the state. The secular state makes the same declaration that Pharaoh made to Moses (*'alaihi al-Salam*). That declaration is: The state is sovereign. Its authority is supreme. Its law is supreme. That is *Shirk*! When people vote in elections in a secular state they thereby accept the claim of the state to be sovereign. They accept its claim to supreme authority, and they accept its law to be the supreme law. When believers vote in such elections, therefore, they cannot escape from committing *Shirk*.

Secondly, when believers vote in elections in a secular state they have to vote for a political party. If that party, as government, declared to be *Halal* what the God of Abraham, Most High, made *Haram*, or enforced laws as such, then that government committed *Shirk*. Around the world today governments and parliaments of secular states have already declared *Halal* nearly everything that Allah declared to be *Haram*. When believers cast their votes for such political parties and governments that have already committed *Shirk upon Shirk*, such votes would imply acceptance of such people as fit to govern over them. Thus believers follow them into *Shirk, Kufr, Dhulm and Fisq*!

Thirdly, this method constitutes a violation and an abandonment of the *Sunnah* of the Blessed Prophet of *Islam* (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*).

Political parties and governments around the world today are comprised of those who disdainfully persist in declaring *Halal* that which Allah declared to be *Haram*. When a people disdainfully persist in *Haram* they pay a dreadful price. It is as plain as daylight that the modern secular world is already paying precisely that price. What is it?

“....and then, when they disdainfully persisted in doing what they had been forbidden to do, We said to them (i.e., We ordained for them) Be as apes desppicable!”

(*Qur'an, al'Araf, 7:166*)

What this implies is that they would now live like apes, so incapable of exercising any restraint over their gross appetites and passions that, by the ‘End Time’, they would be committing sexual intercourse in public like donkeys.

The modern secular state legalized the lending of money on interest (*Riba*). An ever-increasing number of modern secular states have already legalized gambling (and lottery), the consumption and sale of intoxicants (e.g. alcohol) and pork, the use of paper money that constantly loses value. Abortion, homosexuality, lesbianism, adultery and fornication.

Around the world today most modern secular states no longer recognize Allah's Law that a son must inherit twice as much as a daughter. They declare such a law to be discriminatory against women, and they establish their own laws that, they claim, are more just than Allah's Laws. In fact their law is no law. A man can leave his entire estate to a jackass and leave nothing for his wife and children! The modern secular state has prohibited a man from marrying more than one woman at a time since they claim that such would be discriminatory against women. Rather they have made it mandatory for a man to have no more than one wife at a time, and such, they claim, removes the injustice against women that is present in Allah's Law. This alternative has resulted in a sexual revolution that is making a mockery of marriage itself! A wife no longer has an obligation, legal or moral, to be obedient to her husband since such would discriminate against the equality of the male and female. The sun has never risen on a stranger world than the modern, relentlessly godless, and awesomely glamorous modern Euro-world, and that is surely an ominous sign!

The defining characteristic of the religion of Abraham ('alaihi al-Salam) is that there is no place whatsoever for Kufr (disbelief) and Shirk (corruption of, or rejection of the worship of One True God) in it. Yet the secular political system of the new essentially godless Euro-Christian civilization – now known as modern western civilization, is based on Kufr and Shirk. The United Nations Organization was founded on Shirk. The UN Charter declared that Allah Most High is not al-Akbar! Articles 24 and 25 of the Charter declared that the Security Council has supreme authority in the world in all matters pertaining to international peace and security, the authority of the Security Council being higher than the authority of Allah Most High and of His Messenger (sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam). That is Shirk.

How then do we explain Banu Israil's acceptance of a modern secular state in the Holy Land? And how do we explain the acceptance by Muslims around the world of the modern secular state as a valid substitute for the Caliphate? Perhaps this is the right moment for us to explain what was the Caliphate and then compare it with the modern secular state. The ignorance of the world today is such that even Muslims are unaware of the subject.

The Caliphate and the modern secular state

The Islamic Caliphate was precisely such a conception of a state and political system that recognized Allah's Sovereignty, Supreme Authority and Law, and enforced *Haram* as *Haram* and *Halal* as *Halal*. The Caliphate emerged in consequence

of precisely that divine imperative demanding obedience of Allah, His Messenger, and ‘those in authority amongst the Muslims’.

“*Oh you who believe, obey Allah, and obey the Messenger, and (obey) those from amongst yourselves who are in (positions of) authority*”

(*Qur'an, al-Nisa, 4:59*)

Islam refused to recognize divided loyalties – that one could deliver supreme loyalty to the state and yet, also deliver supreme loyalty to Allah, Most High. The two worlds (the worlds of religion and of politics) were not to be separated from each other since the Qur'an proclaimed, “*Allah is the First and the Last, the Manifest and the Hidden.*” (*Qur'an, al-Hadid, 57:3*). Supreme loyalty must be delivered to Allah, not to the state, since the Qur'an asked the believers to proclaim:

“*Say: Verily my prayer, and my service of sacrifice, and my very living and my very dying are all for Allah the Lord of all the world....*”

(*Qur'an, al-An'am, 6:162*)

Europe destroyed that Islamic model of a state and political system when the Ottoman Caliphate was targeted and destroyed. Europe went on to ensure that the Islamic Caliphate could never be restored. It did so when it assisted in the creation of the secular State of Saudi Arabia in the *Hejaz*, and then went on to ensure the survival of that state by way of guaranteeing its security. The Caliphate could never be restored for two reasons. Firstly, the Saudi-Wahhabi regime that controlled the *Haramain* the *Hejaz* and *Hajj* would never claim the Caliphate. Secondly, so long as they controlled the *Haramain*, the *Hejaz*, and the *Hajj*, no one else could claim the Caliphate!

There are a number of reasons that explain why Europe targeted and destroyed the Islamic Caliphate. The first was to facilitate the achievement of the goal of liberating and returning the Jews to the Holy Land. The second was to make possible the universal embrace of Shirk of the new European model of a secular state. When the Caliphate was destroyed, the modern secular State of Turkey replaced it; and the secular State of Saudi Arabia in the Arabian heartland of *Sunni* Islam. Following this Indian Muslims were exquisitely deceived into embracing the secular Republic of Pakistan. Thirdly, the Caliphate had to be destroyed because it obstructed the realization of the ultimate goal in the new godless European agenda. That European goal was to establish Jewish Israel as the ‘Ruling State’ of the world – ruling the world from Jerusalem.

Prophet Muhammad (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) prophesied that the Caliphate would disappear. He did so in the following *Hadith*:

“How will you be at that time when the son of Mary descends amongst you and your Imam (i.e., Amirul M'umineen or Khalifah) would be from within your midst (i.e., he would be a Muslim)”?

(Sahih, Bukhari)

This *Hadith* revealed three things:

Firstly, it informed us that the Caliphate would be present in the world in the ‘End Time’. This amounted to a prophecy that the Caliphate would disappear from the world but would one day be restored. Secondly, prior to the restoration of the Caliphate, Muslims would live for a period of time under the authority, control and rule of those who would not be Muslims. That is precisely the world in which we live today. Thirdly, the return of the Caliphate would be an event that would be contemporaneous with the return of the son of Mary. And since we know that when Jesus (*'alaihi al-Salam*) returns he will rule the world from Jerusalem as a Just Ruler enforcing Allah's Law, the implication is that the modern secular State of Israel would be replaced in the Holy Land by the authentic Islamic State which would be free from the Shirk of secular Israel.

Those who adamantly defend the status quo of secular Islamic nation-states should pause to reflect over the prophecy of Prophet Muhammad (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) concerning the restoration of the Caliphate.

Merits of the modern secular state

The secular state could not have won acceptance amongst a Euro-Christian and Euro-Jewish people, or amongst Muslims, had it not camouflaged its *Kufr* and *Shirk* with certain obvious merits. The modern secular state emerged in Europe in response to a dominant and oppressive Euro-Christian theocracy, and in order to challenge the ‘temporal’ power of the Euro-Christian Church. It challenged the Church when it proclaimed a fresh and exciting new gospel of complete and unfettered intellectual and religious freedom and human rights for all, and religious tolerance of all. It also established the political conditions that preserved peaceful coexistence amongst different religions within the same territory. It thus put an end to all the bloody religious warfare that had plagued Europe for so many centuries.

It also skillfully bribed its way into the bellies and the hearts of mankind through its inventive creativity. It discovered or produced most of that which has been joyfully embraced by mankind, regardless of religious beliefs, as an indispensable necessity of modern life. Whenever anyone embraced modernity with all its wondrous inventions one also embraced the secular state and the secular way of life. That was no mean achievement!

Reality of the modern secular state

But these obvious merits of the secular state did not change that basic foundation of *Kufr* and *Shirk*. Indeed the modern secular state slowly began to reveal its real hidden agenda of rivalry when it began to wage a relentless war on the religious way of life. Indeed religion slowly became a receding force in the new essentially godless secular world.

The democracy of the modern secular state turned out to be a sugarcoated pill of poison. The ‘political’ democracy worked in such a way as to sustain a usurious system of economic oppression and exploitation of the masses based on *Riba*. Economic oppression was oft-times supplemented by racial and ethnic oppression. The impoverished masses could never wrest real political power from the rich predatory elite, and hence could never have the power with which to end economic oppression. The new gospel of the modern secular society was that *the rich shall inherit the earth*. And that is precisely what has happened.

The new Europe proceeded to use its invincible military power and awesome powers of deception to dominate and brainwash non-European humanity. The new godless political philosophy with its godless conception of a sovereign state, exploitative economic system, and corruptive culture, eventually embraced all the rest of the world. That was no mean achievement!

Western colonial rule was now imposed upon the rest of mankind, including the Muslims, and through this means the new godless political system, based on *Kufr* and *Shirk*, was deceptively and subtly introduced. Thus the ominous prophecy of Prophet Muhammad (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) was fulfilled! He prophesied that his community (of Muslims) would imitate and follow Jews and Christians to such an extent that even if they were to go down into a lizard's hole, his community would do the same!

The result was that the world of Jews, Christians and Muslims entered into a collective trial of all trials (*fitnah*) and failed miserably in obeying the command of the God of Abraham, Most High, when He ordered:

“Follow what has been sent down unto you by your Lord-God, and follow no Master other than Him. How seldom do you keep this in mind!”

(*Qur'an, al-'Araf, 7:3*)

The new modern secular state devised a system of electoral politics for constituting Parliament and Government, and sometimes for electing Judges. Citizens of the secular state, regardless of their religious beliefs, voted in democratic elections. They were obliged to submit to its authority and be obedient to it. If the elections were to produce a government dominated by idol-worshipping Hindus who were openly hostile to those who worshipped the God of Abraham (*'alaihi al-Salam*), or a government which declared to be *Halal* (permissible) everything which Allah Most High had declared to be *Haram*, then the principle of democratic elections required that Jews, Christians, Muslims etc., who were citizens of that secular state, recognize that government as their lawful government, submit to its authority, and be obedient to it.

There is nothing in the revealed scriptures (Torah, Gospel, *Qur'an*) or the *Sunnah* (example or way of life) of the Prophets that can be used to justify Jews, Christians, Muslims, etc., participating in such elections in which they freely vote for such a government as lawful to govern over them. On the contrary there is very clear condemnation of such conduct!

The alternative for believers to electoral politics in the modern secular state

The Jewish, Christian or Muslim reader is likely to ask: Is there an alternative (for believers) to electoral politics in the secular state? The answer is: Yes! there is. The alternative is to struggle to restore the sovereignty of the God of Abraham, Most High, in the political system – to struggle for recognition of His Authority as Supreme Authority – and to struggle for recognition of His Law as the Supreme Law. That is the most noble of all struggles any one can ever wage, and it is a struggle that must be pursued until the end of time.

The alternative for believers is to uphold whatever Allah made *Halal* as *Halal*, and whatever Allah made *Haram* as *Haram*, regardless of the price they may have to pay. Also, when a people commit *Shirk*, *Kufr*, *Dhulm* and *Fisq*, then believers should condemn such conduct, oppose it, struggle against it, and turn to Allah and ask Him to separate them from such people:

“So separate us from this sinful rebellious people!”

(Qur'an, al-Maidah, 5:25)

The *Qur'an* refers to this mission of believers as “*amr bil ma'aruf*” (enjoining the right) and “*nahi 'an al-munkar*” (opposing the wrong). If the struggle to restore the sovereignty of Allah Most High and the supremacy of His Authority and Law (in any territory) were to succeed, then that territory would become *Dar al-Islam*. Muslims would rule over that territory. But there is an alternative plural model of a state in which Muslims would share control over a territory with non-Muslims on the basis of political equality and through a constitutional agreement that would allow Muslims to recognize the sovereignty of Allah and the supremacy of His Authority and Law over ‘them’. Prophet Muhammad (*sallalahu 'ala'ihi wa sallam*) established that ‘plural’ model of state in the city-State of Madina wherein Muslims, Jews and pagan Arabs shared control over territory, and over the state, on the basis of political equality.

Mankind has the freedom of choice to accept or to reject the religion of Abraham ('*alaihi al-Salam*). However, once the religion of Abraham ('*alaihi al-Salam*) is accepted, believers do not have the freedom to choose between either a government of believers or a non-believing government. When they are denied that freedom in any territory they must search for some place where that freedom exists and then migrate to such a territory! Thus the God of Abraham, Most High, has commanded believers to:

“Oh you who believe, obey Allah, and obey the Messenger, and (obey) those from amongst yourselves who are in (positions of) authority....”

(Qur'an, al-Nisa, 4:59)

When they no longer have the freedom to establish their own government anywhere, and they have to live under non-believing rule, believers in the religion of Abraham ('*alaihi al-Salam*) ‘submit’ to that rule until such time as they can once again choose fellow-believers to rule over them. But ‘submission’ to such non-believing rule cannot involve their participation in *establishing* that non-believing government. Believers

will submit to such rule on the condition of religious freedom, i.e., that nothing is forced upon them that violates the Law of the God of Abraham. While such a government will not be ‘their’ government, they can advise and assist the government in all that is true, good and virtuous, while warning, resisting and abstaining from all that is false, evil and harmful.

It is in the very nature of the modern secular state that it would never allow elections to be used to transform it into a different model of a state – such as a state that would recognize the Sovereignty of the God of Abraham (*'alaihi al-Salam*) and the supremacy of His Authority and His Law. Electoral politics was meant to sub-serve the godless secular state.

The Prophet (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) declared that the world of *Kufr* constituted an essential unity (*al-kufru millatun wahidah*). And this is precisely what has now emerged in the world. The Jew and the Christian should ponder over the fact that when the Muslims of Algeria used ‘electoral politics’ to seek to restore the religion of Abraham (*'alaihi al-Salam*) in Algeria and won 85% of the votes in the national elections, the godless world all came together to ruthlessly punish that 85% of the electorate which dared to seek to transform the godless secular foundation of the state.

Thus rather than voting in elections and legitimizing the secular model of a state based on *Shirk*, Muslims should protect themselves from *Shirk* by disconnecting from the secular state. They should also respond to it by arguing that the ‘plural’ model of a state established by Prophet Muhammad (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) is a superior model of a state when compared with the modern godless secular state.

A Qur'anic explanation for the universal Shirk of the modern secular state

Our view is that only the *Qur'an* can, and has, explained this momentous political change that overtook the Euro-Christian and Euro-Jewish world, and then the rest of mankind. What is that explanation?

The *Qur'an* has taught that the historical process would one day come to an end when Allah Most High ordains that the ‘Last Day’ should come upon mankind and the world. Before that ‘Last Day’ can occur, however, there would be a Last Age that would be filled with numerous Signs from Allah indicating that it is the ‘Last Age’. Among those events that would take place in the Last Age would be the release into the world of *Dajjal*, the False Messiah – and of Gog and Magog. When released into the world they would eventually become the dominant actors in the historical process, and it is they who would be the masterminds orchestrating this unique and ominous transformation of mankind and the world. The Prophet (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) declared that the age of *Dajjal*, the False Messiah (Antichrist), would witness the universal appearance of *Riba*. It would also be an age of *Kufr* since *Dajjal* has ‘*Kafir*’ written between his eyes. And it would be an age of *Shirk* since *Dajjal* will ‘play’ the role of God and deceive mankind into accepting him as such. It is as plain as daylight to this writer that *Dajjal* is the mastermind behind the creation of the modern essentially godless secular state and its system of electoral politics.

This writer has based his arguments on the *Qur'an* and *Hadith* to the effect that participation in electoral politics in the modern secular state constitutes *Shirk* and *Kufr*. In the event of disagreement with the view expressed in this book scholars should respond with arguments based on the *Qur'an* and the *Sunnah* of the blessed Prophet (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*). They should declare the specific conditions in which it would be *Halal* for believers to vote in national elections.

The blessed Prophet (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) declared: *What is Halal (permissible) is clear, and what is Haram (prohibited) is clear, abstain from whatever is doubtful*. It now remains for the scholars, who are the guides of the believers, to declare whether it is *Halal* to participate in electoral politics in the modern secular state. In order to deliver a satisfactory positive answer the scholars must demonstrate firstly that it is not *Haram* to do so, and secondly that it is not 'doubtful' to do so. And they must establish their response on the authoritative foundations of the *Qur'an* and the authentic *Hadith*.

The secular state of Israel in the Holy Land

It is now possible for us to arrive at some conclusions concerning the legitimacy of the secular state of Israel that has been restored in the Holy Land. Did the success of the Zionist Movement in restoring the State of Israel represent a validation of the Jewish claim to Truth? Was it an act of divine grace?

The secular State of Israel, like all secular states, is an abomination since it is founded on the foundations of *Shirk!* The most basic characteristic of the religion of Abraham (*'alaihi al-Salam*) is that it is free from *Shirk*. Secular Israel, therefore, most certainly violates the divine conditions of inheritance of the Holy Land. Thus it cannot survive in the Holy Land. It will be destroyed. Prophet Muhammad (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) has explained that a Muslim army that would emerge from Khorasan would destroy the State of Israel. That army would emerge after *Imam al-Mahdi* emerges and with him the Islamic Caliphate is restored.

The restoration of the Islamic Caliphate would thus result in the destruction of Israel. This would be the third and last such event. The first time a Babylonian army was used to destroy Israel. The second time it was a Roman army. And now for the last time it would be a Muslim army.

But there are many other political reasons for rejecting the claim that the restoration of the State of Israel in the Holy Land was an act of divine grace representing a validation of the Jewish claim to Truth. Firstly, it would be a fundamental contradiction that a godless modern European people who live a decadent life, and who oppress others, should be the means through whom divine grace should reach the Jewish people and through whom Truth is validated. 'Means' must conform to 'ends'.

Secondly, the method through which Israel was restored involved the expulsion, from the Holy Land, of a people who worshipped the God of Abraham (*'alaihi al-Salam*). They were expelled for no reason other than that they were not Jews. This constitutes oppression. In addition, since the creation of Israel, oppression against the Arabs,

Muslim as well as Christian, who live in and around the Holy Land, has constantly increased. An act of divine grace is incompatible with such oppression!

Thirdly, when Israel was created it was clear that there was no respect for the sacred in the consciousness of those who created the state. The godlessness, corruption, sexual immorality and decadence of Israel in no way differ from that of the godless European civilization. This cannot be conceived of as an act of divine grace. Indeed, the secular State of Israel has brought into the Holy Land such unparalleled corruption and decadence that even sexual slavery now thrives. This is the opposite of righteousness. Indeed it is a pagan society that now exists in the Holy Land!

A pagan state in the Holy Land

The Jewish State of Israel is, in fact, a pagan state that displays all the mores and morals of paganism. Any Jew who is convinced that the events of the return of the Jews to the Holy Land and the ‘restoration’ of the State of Israel represent progress towards the return of the golden age and the validation of Judaism as Truth must shudder at the following recent news articles in the Jerusalem Post which confirm the pagan way of life which now thrives in the Holy Land:

“According to police statistics, there are more than 200 brothels, 200 sex clubs, and an unknown number of offices providing call girls throughout the country. Yael Dayan, chair of the Knesset Committee on the Status of Women, estimates that there are about one million visits each month to prostitutes, both of the storefront or streetwalker variety and those who work in the higher-class escort services. Some 50 to 60 ‘health clubs’ operate in the few blocks around Tel Aviv’s old Central Bus Station alone, with other concentrations in Haifa, Jerusalem, Netanya, Beersheba, Ashkelon, Ashdod, and Eilat. The back pages of local papers in many cities are filled with ads for sex services, as well as discreet ‘help wanted’ ads trying to recruit women to the trade.”

(Jerusalem Post, August 28, 2000)

“In recent months, the media have been filled with revelations about the extent of white slavery in Israel. Women are being sold as chattels from one pimp to another. Approximately 25,000 sexual transactions for money take place every day in Israel. Coupled with the conviction of (Defence Minister) Yitzhak Mordechai for aggravated sexual assault and his subsequent judicial pardon, those revelations have provoked a great deal of discussion about the value of a woman's body in Israeli society. Though Israeli society may have lagged at the start of the revolution, today the sexual practices of Israelis are, with the exception of the religious, virtually indistinguishable from citizens of other Western countries. The absence of consent makes the actions of Mordechai and those who buy and sell women on auction blocks, both

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morally and legally far more reprehensible than the everyday casual sexual encounter. But their actions reflect commonplace ways of viewing others.”

(Jerusalem Post, May 10, 2001)

Another report from an Israeli who occupies a very high position in that society is even more revealing of the nature and extent of oppression in the Jewish State:

“in public remarks that shocked Israelis, a former head of the Israeli domestic security service blamed government policies for triggering the Palestinian revolt.

“Ami Ayalon, retired head of the Shin Bet security service, said Israel is guilty of ‘apartheid’ policies that go against the spirit of Judaism He suggested that the Palestinians were following a logic in choosing violence, and spoke of the profound ‘humiliation’ that Israel inflicts on Palestinian workers and others who seek to enter Israel. Such comments are commonly heard from Palestinians and outsiders but rarely from an Israeli who has held senior-level positions in the security establishment.”

(Jerusalem Post, Tuesday December 4, 2000)

Indeed the President of Israel himself has unwittingly confirmed the oppression visited upon a hapless Palestinian people who resist the Jewish State with the *Intifada*:

“If they have any sense of logic, the Palestinians will open their eyes and realize where this evil path has taken them: hundreds of dead and thousands of injured even though we have exercised restraint, poverty and deprivation, heavy unemployment, irreversible damage to the economy, a collapsing administrative network and in addition to all that they have not advanced politically.”

(Israeli President Katsav, Jerusalem Post Feb 16, 2001)

The President betrayed his contempt for Arabs in the typical way that modern godless modernity has cultivated:

“They're our neighbors here, but it seems as if at a distance of a few hundred meters away, there are people who don't belong to our continent, to our world, but actually belong to a different galaxy.”

(President Moshe Katsav, Jerusalem Post, May 11, 2001)

Dan Jacobson, a professor at Tel Aviv University, had this to say about Israeli justice:

“For 52 years the Arab minority has been shamefully discriminated against. Consistent land expropriation is but one of the harsher expressions of this discrimination. Denial of jobs in the civil service, major government companies, and publicly owned companies; the meager resources allocated to education and health services in the Arab sector; the embarrassingly disproportionate share of state budgets going to Arab municipalities, are additional expressions of the Israeli Arab citizens' second-class status. These facts have been repeatedly recognized by successive governments, including those of the right wing, but very little have been done in the course of five decades to resolve the problem.”

(Jerusalem Post, April 3, 2001)

The above confirms that we are now witnessing the fulfillment of the Qur'anic warning that hell will come before their very eyes:

“And We shall present Hell that day for Kuffar to see, all spread out. (They will be such Kuffar) whose eyes had been under a veil from (recognizing accepting and embracing) My Guidance, and who had been unable even to hear.”

(Qur'an, al-Kahf, 18:100-101)

Let us hasten to recognize that the New World Order that has emerged in consequence of the dominance of modern secular western civilization is one in which godlessness, racial, economic and religious oppression, immorality and sexual slavery have embraced mankind around the world today, including the Muslim world. But the Holy Land is a special land. *And the Qur'an is emphatic in its declaration that only those who possess faith (in the God of Abraham), and are righteous in conduct, will be allowed to inherit that Holy Land (see Qur'an, al-Anbiyah, 21:105).* Neither modern-day Israel, nor the secular, nationalist Palestine Liberation Organization, appears even remotely capable of fulfilling these conditions. The Qur'anic conception of the destiny of Jerusalem in so far as control over the Holy Land is concerned is therefore one in which neither Yassir Arafat's secular Palestine Liberation Organization, nor the secular State of Israel, will survive. Birds of a feather will perish together!

The above arguments clearly demonstrate the invalidity of Israel's political claim to legitimacy in so far as inheritance of the Holy Land is concerned. This should not be something too difficult for a believing Jew or Christian to recognize and to accept.

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JERUSALEM IN THE QUR'AN

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PART TWO

Chapter 2

THE HOLY LAND AND ISRAEL'S RIBA-BASED ECONOMY

"In consequence of the wickedness and injustice of the Jews We made unlawful for them certain (foods), good and wholesome, which had been lawful for them. (We have also done so because) they obstructed so many from Allah's way, and (because) they took usury (Riba) though they were forbidden to do so, and (in doing so) they wrongfully took the wealth of others. (Because of these evil deeds) We have prepared for those among them who reject Faith a terrible punishment."

(Qur'an, al-Nisa, 4:160-1)

Introduction

Israel is a modern secular State located in the Holy Land. Like all other secular states in the world today its economic system is based on *Riba*. *Riba* is usually translated as *usury*, i.e., the lending of money on interest regardless of the rate of interest. But the definition of *Riba* in *Islam* also includes transactions that are based on deception and which give to the deceiver a profit or gain to which he is not justly entitled. In American vocabulary such a transaction is described as a 'rip-off'! If judgment were to be made according to the religion of Abraham (*'alaihi al-Salam*), then we ask the following: What would be the religious legitimacy of an Israel which is located in the Holy Land and whose economy is based on *Riba*? Does it conform with or violate the divine conditions established for inheritance of the Holy Land?

The world economy today

A basic characteristic of the economy around the world today is that wealth no longer circulates throughout the economy. Rather wealth now circulates only amongst the wealthy. In consequence around the world the rich are now permanently rich and the poor are imprisoned in permanent poverty. Secondly, the rich keep on growing richer as they literally suck the blood of the masses, while the poor descend into such destitution as brings in its wake anarchy, violence, immense suffering and the destruction of faith and values. Imagine all of mankind to be aboard a ship. A small minority who are permanently rich and who are constantly growing richer, are traveling 'first class' in unprecedented luxury and security. They have permanent 'first class' tickets. The rich rule the ship. They use their wealth to control politics. Democracy on board that ship becomes *the rule of the rich and for the rich* in what amounts to financial prostitution. But the rich do not themselves, directly rule. Rather they do it by proxy and deception in the form of support that they extend to popular politicians and political parties over whom they then exercise invisible control. That is a true description of the political economy of the world today. And it is the European Jews in Britain and USA who have perfected this method of gaining power and control over the people. To his credit Henry Ford was able to recognize this sinister development in human history.

Most of the rest of mankind are imprisoned in permanent poverty and are condemned to travel below the deck down in the hold of the ship in ever-increasing squalor, poverty, destitution, misery and suffering. They are condemned to work for slave wages so that others may live off their sweat. They also live in ever-increasing insecurity with constant burglaries, violence, shootings, killings and rape of women in neighborhoods infested with drugs and drug dealers.

Those traveling 'first class' have access to clean drinking water and to the best medical health services that money can buy. Those below deck, down in the hold, are forced to drink polluted water full of bacteria. They are forced to eat food and drink milk laced with chemicals and hormones. Increasingly they must also eat genetically altered food. They fall ill but cannot afford the cost of medical treatment. They live miserable lives and die miserable deaths. In fact the world economy is a new sophisticated form of economic slavery. But it operates by way of awesome deception.

First of all, although those who control the economy around the world preach a gospel of the 'free and fair market', they themselves violate the 'free market' by imposing legal obligations on people to accept the use of fraudulent artificial paper money as legal tender. And paper money constantly loses value! As poverty increases and deepens they impose price controls on basic necessities such as food etc., and minimum wage legislation upon the labor market. They do so in order to avert the possibility that the hungry suffering masses would rise up in rebellion against the government and the predatory elite. They also do so in order to avert the possibility that the masses would recognize their new slavery.

The deception extends beyond the above. Many of the poor look at those traveling first class and are convinced that such people and their way of life represent heaven itself. And they long to go to that heaven. They are unable to understand the system of oppression and how it works. Others among the poor respond to their economic oppression with blind rage and resort to acts of violence directed against all those who have some wealth and who are in authority. The poor all believe that they live in hell

and they imitate the way of life of those traveling first class in the belief that it represents a taste of heaven. Such a ship deserves to be sunk with all aboard!

Cuban President, Fidel Castro, like Ivan Illich ('Energy and Equity') described the world economy in similar language:

"Never before did mankind have such formidable scientific and technologic potential, such extraordinary capacity to produce riches and well-being, but never before were disparity and inequity so profound in the world." He responded to this economic oppression by declaring that: "Another Nuremberg is required to judge the unjust economic order."

(Text of his Presidential Address, Summit Conference, Group of 77, Havana, September 2000)

Prophet Muhammad (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) gave to the world an economic order that was free from economic injustice and oppression. No one worked for slave wages. Wealth did not circulate only amongst the wealthy but, rather, throughout the economy. The rich were not permanently rich and the poor were not permanently poor. The market was a free and a fair market. No one could 'reap' without 'planting'. Money had intrinsic value and so it could not be manipulated by banks and by a predatory elite to reduce its value. In consequence, such a market and economy never experienced 'inflation'. No prices were fixed, including the price of labor. Social welfare was achieved in the form of a compulsory tax on wealth that was used to provide for those who did not possess the basic necessities of life. But the value system of the society ensured that the effort would be made, by those who were capable of such effort, to extricate themselves from having to live off that charity.

The Prophet (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) succeeded where every government in the world today has failed. He succeeded because he enforced the divine prohibition of *Riba* (usury or lending and borrowing money on interest) and he maintained the integrity of money by using real money (rather than artificial money i.e., paper and plastic money). In addition he enforced a penal code that gave deterrent punishment to those found guilty of theft. But the world rejected him, and Muslims abandoned his economic *Sunnah*. And so the world is condemned to live with today's *Dhulm* (oppression) and *Fasad*, i.e., the corruption and destruction of the free and fair market.

All around the world today, that economic oppression exists and is constantly increasing – the rich growing richer and the poor growing poorer. In USA, for example, black America is both miserably and permanently poor, while white America is permanently rich. The US economy dazzles the non-white world, and white Americans have never had it better. But in this country wealth circulates only amongst the wealthy, while the number of poor who live on welfare (i.e. public charity) keeps on constantly growing. White western civilization wants us to believe that theirs is the most advanced and progressive model of an economy it has ever been the good fortune of mankind to experience! And one-eyed brainwashed Muslim 'mimic-men' are busy trying to ensure that the world of *Islam* emulates the West. In fact, that predatory American and white western dream is fertilized with the blood of the masses around the world, and with the wealth that is constantly being skimmed off an unsuspecting ignorant mankind. Our purpose is to explain how it is done! White western civilization as well as the non-white laboring masses around the world and, indeed, non-European

Jews, can only benefit if they pay heed to the explanation here presented and accept the *Qur'an* as the Word of Allah and Muhammad ('alaihi al-Salam) as the Messenger of Allah before it is too late!

Our thesis is that the same people who engineered the political transformation of European civilization and, through imitation, the rest of the world, into an essentially godless world, are the same people who seduced the non-European Jews into supporting the restoration of the Jewish State of Israel. They are the people who increasingly control the wealth of the world through their evil genius in controlling and manipulating the fraudulent international monetary system and the *Riba*-based banking and insurance system around the world. They have even surpassed the traditional non-European Jews (i.e., the people who attempted to crucify Jesus ('alaihi al-Salam) at their own game of *Riba*! Our view is that the evil genius who is at work in all of this is that strange European who first became a Jew and then proceeded to hijack Judaism.

The Noble *Qur'an* not only explains the world today, but also explains its economic oppression. The *Qur'an*, which is a book of 'wisdom' (and this includes economic wisdom), has established rules ensuring that wealth does not circulate only amongst the wealthy:

“What Allah has bestowed on His Messenger (and taken away) from the people of the townships, belongs to Allah, to His Messenger and to kindred and orphans, the needy and the wayfarer; in order that it (i.e., wealth) may not (only) circulate amongst the wealthy among you. So take what the Messenger assigns to you, and deny yourselves that which he withholds from you. And fear Allah; for Allah is strict in punishment.”

(*Qur'an, al-Hashr, 59:7*)

Muslims have abandoned the rules of the *Qur'an* and, as a consequence, they now pay a terrible price for their folly! A new sophisticated and deceptive economic slavery is descending upon them, as well as upon the rest of non-European humanity. The shameful irony in this is clear when we remember that one of the basic functions of *Islam* in the world is to liberate the oppressed.

What is the cause of this global economic oppression? It is *Riba*! A predatory global elite centered in the Jewish-controlled banking centers in the West, but also present around the world, is constantly sucking the wealth and the blood of mankind and impoverishing the laboring masses through *Riba*. The oppressor creates political, legislative, judicial and legal systems, the media etc., with consummate deception, and he ensures that they all fulfill the basic function of preserving the system of economic oppression. The film industry, television, the internet, modern music, designer clothing, etc., are used to transport the masses to fantasy-land so that they remain in a state of blissful ignorance while *Riba* is used to control and enslave them. The ultimate objective of their master-mind, *Dajjal*, the False Messiah, is to enslave all of mankind and, through poverty and destitution, and through wealth which has been obtained corruptly, to subject faith in Allah Most High and the religious way of life to the ultimate test and trial. The evidence to date already confirms that most Muslims, the predatory rich as well as the miserable poor, are failing that test of faith. *Dajjal's* second objective is to deceive Jews and lead them to their ultimate destruction. An objective appraisal of the modern world and, in particular, the Holy Land, must deliver

the conclusion that that objective has already almost been achieved. *Dajjal* is well on his way to completing his mission in which he delivers to the Jews absolute control over the whole world. When Israel becomes the ‘ruling State’ and completes a period of time of *a day that would be like a week*, *Dajjal* would himself appear and rule the world from Jerusalem - and so would complete his mission of impersonating the True Messiah.

It should be a cause for serious concern, if not alarm, that a world which still comprises many civilizations, some of which are thousands of years old, should be embraced not only by the same secular political system based on *Shirk*, but also by the same secular economy based on *Riba*. The economic weapon of *Riba* complements the political weapon of the modern secular State and the United Nations Organization through which *Dajjal* successfully pursues his mission of achieving political and economic control over the entire world.

Our method is to first explain the importance of the subject and then, subsequently, to explain the verses of the *Qur'an* which deal with the subject of *Riba*, and the *Ahadith* of Prophet Muhammad (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*). Finally, we will attempt to explain *Riba* at work in the modern economy. We will finally attempt to examine the validity of the State of Israel in the Holy Land, an Israel whose economy is based on *Riba*.

What is Riba?

Riba is usury. Usury is now commonly understood as the lending of money at illegally high rates of interest. But this deliberate corruption of terminology took place in Europe in order to permit the ‘money lender’ (now called banker) to bypass the Christian church and its objection to all forms of usury. R. W. Tawney wrote a classic book in 1935 entitled “*Religion and the Rise of Capitalism*” in which he described the prolonged Euro-Christian opposition to *Riba*. William Shakespeare also did the same in his classic play, “*The Merchant of Venice*”.

Riba in *Islam* (as in medieval Christianity) is the lending of money on interest, regardless of the rate of interest. When a ‘money lender’ lends money on interest, then money by itself, independent of any labor or effort or the assumption of any risk by the investor, increases over time. The increase is realized by deception through the exploitation of labor, goods and property. This becomes clear when attention is directed to that which Allah has unambiguously declared in the *Qur'an*:

“... man is entitled to nothing except that for which he labored.”
(*Qur'an, al-Najm, 53:39*)

Thus the *Qur'an* rejects the claim that money can increase over time!

One of the ways through which that exploitation takes place is the consequent decrease in the value of wages, of goods and of property *over time*, something that Allah has specifically prohibited in several verses of the *Qur'an*. The Prophet *Shu'aib* constantly warned his people of the wickedness of their economic life:

“.... do not deprive people of what is rightfully theirs by diminishing the value of their things (such as their labor, merchandise, property etc).”

(*Qur'an, al-'Araf, 7:85; Hud, 11:85; al-Shu'ara', 26:183; etc.*)

Perhaps the secularized champions of organized labor, who dismiss the *Qur'an* as a book of guidance, would now begin to understand the reason why the labor force is daily being transformed into jackasses who sweat on behalf of the rich, and the banks which they own.

Muslims must also understand that *Riba* is at work when wealth is sucked from the masses through legalized fraud involved in the use of artificial paper money. This money replaced the money that was the *Sunnah* of every Prophet of Allah Most High i.e., gold and silver and other precious metals. Artificial paper, plastic and electronic money (i.e., secular money) has no intrinsic value. Rather the value of the money is assigned to it and then it constantly loses value *over time, as the system was designed to make it happen*. Banks are the major actors at work in forcing a decrease in the value of money, and banks make the most profit when such occurs. As money loses value, the value of everything is decreased. Prices rise, and wages lose value. Labor is then imprisoned in slave wages.

The last revelation of the Qur'an

In the last revelation of the *Qur'an* Allah Most Wise, chose to return to a subject which had already been dealt with in earlier revelations – in the *Qur'an*, as well as in the Torah, the Psalms, and the Gospel – namely the subject of the prohibition of *Riba*. On the authority of *Ahadith* we know that the last revelation received by the blessed Prophet (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) shortly before his death, was the passage in *Surah al-Baqarah* (2:279-281) which dealt with *Riba*:

“Umar ibn Khattab said: The last verse to be revealed was on Riba, but Allah's Messenger was taken without having expounded it to us; so give up not only Riba but also Reebah (i.e., whatever raises doubts in the mind about its rightfulness).”

(Sunan, Ibn Majah; Darimi)

“Ibn Abbas said: O you who believe, fear Allah and give up what remains (due to you) from Riba (from now onwards) if you are indeed believers....And none shall be dealt with unjustly. (*al-Baqarah, 2:279-281*). Ibn Abbas said: This was the last verse revealed to the Prophet.”

(Sahih, Bukhari)

That last revelation confirmed the Prophet's retroactive enforcement of the legislation prohibiting *Riba* in the *khutbah al-wida'a* (Farewell Sermon) from 'Arafat. The last revelation is to be found in this passage from the *Qur'an*. We quote the entire passage with our own explanatory comments in small type:

“Those who spend of their wealth by day and by night, secretly and openly, for such there will be reward with their Lord, nor will they have cause for fear, nor will they grieve.” (Provided that wealth is spent in a manner that is Halal, such spending will stimulate the economy and put wealth into circulation.)

“Those (on the other hand) who consume Riba will not stand (before Allah on the Last Day) except as though Satan drove them to madness with his touch (this is because Riba represents the opposite of ‘spending’ – in Riba wealth is sucked out of the economy until the masses are reduced to poverty and destitution.)”

“That is because they say business and Riba are similar to each other.” (They argue that ‘lending money on interest’ is a legitimate form of business.)

“But Allah has permitted business and forbidden Riba.” (Their argument is false. Allah has made business Halal but has made Riba Haram. And so Riba is not a form of business. This is because the very essence of a legitimate business transaction is that it must admit of the possibility of either a profit or a loss. When money is lent on interest the possibility of a loss is so minimized that it is almost eliminated! Hence the lending of money on interest cannot qualify as a business transaction.)

“And so, anyone who receives (this) warning from his Lord and thereupon desists (from Riba) may keep his past gains (i.e., the Riba he previously accepted), and his affair rests with Allah (i.e., it will be for Allah to judge him – he will not be forced by the Islamic State to return the Riba he had taken.)

“But as for those who return to it (i.e., persist in Riba by way of lending money on interest, for example, after this revelation of the Qur'an), *they are destined for the fire, therein to abide forever!”*

“(And with this) Allah eradicates Riba, whereas He blesses charitable deeds with manifold increase (because the essence of Riba is to ‘take’ and to ‘give’ nothing in return, while the essence of charity is to ‘give’ and ‘take’ nothing in return.)”

“And Allah does not love anyone who is stubbornly ingrate and who persists in sin (with particular reference to the sin of consuming Riba).”

“Verily, those who have attained to faith and do good works, and are constant in prayer, and dispense charity, they shall have their reward from their Lord, and no fear need they have, and neither shall they grieve.”

“O you who have attained to faith, fear Allah and give up all the Riba which is outstanding (i.e., which you still claim to be due to you) if you are truly believers. If you do not do so (i.e., if you persist in lending money on interest even after declaring yourselves to be Muslims) then take notice of (a declaration of) war from Allah and His Messenger (i.e., take notice that Muslims who abide by Islam would wage war against you for the liberation of all those who are oppressed because of Riba).”

“But if you turn away (i.e., if you give up Riba) then you shall have (i.e., you will be entitled to reclaim) only your principal sums (which you had lent on the basis of Riba; i.e., you may have only the principal sum – not the principal sum plus a reasonable amount of interest, or not the principal sum plus a service charge).”

“Deal not unjustly and you shall not be dealt with unjustly.” (This might more properly be translated as follows: In accepting the return of only the principal sum lent you will spare

yourself from the sin of being unjust to others, and in giving up the interest which was due to you, you will not, yourself, be subjected to any form of injustice.)

“And if the debtor is in difficulty, grant him time until it is easy for him to repay. But if you remit it (i.e., if you write off the debt) by way of charity, that will be best for you, if you only knew.”

“And fear the Day in which you (i.e., all of mankind including those who consume Riba) will be brought back to Allah, then every human being will receive what it earned, and none shall be wronged.”

(*Qur'an, al-Baqarah, 2:274-281*)

Why did Allah, Most Wise, choose to send one more revelation shortly before the death of the Prophet ('alaihi al-Salam)? Why did He choose a time that appears to have been the last possible time to send that revelation? Why did He do this after sending revelation in which He announced the perfection of *Din* and the completion of His favor to the believers?

There must surely be very important answers to all these questions. It appears to us that such a last revelation could only properly be used to reiterate something that lay at the very heart of the divine guidance. Additionally, it could be used to direct attention to that part of the divine guidance in which the faith of the believers would be most vulnerable to a future attack (the mother of all attacks) by enemies of *Islam*. Finally, it may have come at the last because it would assume a position of absolutely strategic importance in the Last Age. And Allah knows best!

The choice of the subject of *Riba* as the last revelation appears to constitute the most dire of all warnings that *Riba* can pose the gravest of all threats to the faith, freedom, and power of the believers. This subject is of supreme importance for herein lies the potential for the most dangerous, destructive, and devastating attack on the faith of the believers and the integrity and power of the *Ummah* of the Prophet ('alaihi al-Salam).

The Prophet confirms the greatest danger of Riba

This opinion of ours appears to be confirmed by the fact that the Prophet ('alaihi al-Salam) himself prophesied, in a *Hadith* received from Abu Hurairah (ra), the eventual total success of precisely such an attack launched through *Riba*. It would be an attack launched obviously by enemies of *Islam*, but it would penetrate all of mankind, including the followers of Prophet Muhammad ('alaihi al-Salam):

“There will come a time,” said the Prophet, “when you will not be able to find a single person in all of mankind who will not be consuming *Riba*. And if anyone claims that he is not consuming *Riba* then surely the vapor of *Riba* will reach him.” According to another text “the dust of *Riba* will reach him.”

(*Sunan Abu Daud*)

The Prophet ((*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) thus made it abundantly clear that the greatest danger to the integrity of the *Ummah* and of the *Iman* (faith) of the believers would come from *Riba*. This confirmed the warning from Allah Most High Himself that was manifested in the choice of *Riba* as the subject of the last revelation.

The prophecy of the Prophet (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) concerning the universal prevalence of *Riba* has today been fulfilled. Indeed it has been fulfilled in our own miserable lifetime! Specifically it has been fulfilled during the time that has elapsed since the Ottoman Caliphate was abolished in 1924. Up to 1924 the *Riba*-based capitalist European economy could not succeed in penetrating the economy and the market of the Muslim world. But Europe did succeed in enticing the governments that presided over the affairs of Muslims to enter into *Riba*. The Ottoman Caliph, for example, had borrowed considerable sums of money on interest from Europe. His financial and economic difficulties grew to such an extent that he was forced, as a desperate means of preventing the collapse of the Empire, to seek membership in the new European secular State system. He achieved this in the Paris Peace Agreement of 1856. But the price he had to pay was to succumb to European/Jewish financial blackmail that extracted from him the abolition of *Jizyah* and *Ahl al-Dhimmah* in all the territories of the Ottoman Empire. This was also a *quid pro quo* for debt and interest payment relief. In doing so the Caliph betrayed Allah Most High Who had Himself established the *jizyah* tax in the *Qur'an* (*al-Tauba*, 9:29).

The success of Euro-Jewish bankers in targeting the Ottoman Caliph was a classic example of the financial imperialism, which is made possible through *Riba*. Henry Kissinger was the author of the same strategy that eventually led to the collapse of a super-power in modern times, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR). That event should have opened the eyes of the '*Ulama* of *Islam*'. It did not! As a consequence the same strategy continues to be pursued by the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, and by so many others. Not only is Israel's economy based on *Riba* but Israel is also embracing Arafat's PLO and other Arab regimes with precisely the same deadly economic embrace which reduces the target of the embrace to poverty, destitution and economic slavery. The success of European/Jewish financial blackmail witnessed the beginning of the dismantling of the sacred model of a public order in the world of *Islam* (*Dar al-Islam*), and of its replacement with the secular European model. In that model of a State, 'sovereignty' was taken away from Allah Most High and was located, instead, in the State. That was an act of *Shirk*!

Indeed, since 1924 *Riba* has penetrated the total economic life of Muslims all around the world. The financial imperialism inherent in *Riba* has delivered the entire world of *Islam* by its very throat into the hands of enemies with sharpened knives. Indeed all of mankind is now trapped in the worlds of *Riba* and *Shirk*. Not only has the prophecy of the Prophet (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) been fulfilled through the total victory of *Riba*-based banking all over the world, and through the *Riba* that is inherent in non-redeemable artificial money, but it has also been fulfilled in the total corruption of the free and fair market. Today's so-called free market is, in fact, a 'den of thieves', in which the strong exploit the weak.

Finally, the Prophet (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) himself echoed the extreme gravity and dire warning in the Qur'anic revelation by using the strongest possible language in connection with *Riba*:

“Abu Hurairah (ra) said that the Messenger of Allah said: Riba is of seventy different parts, the least dangerous being equivalent to a man marrying (i.e., having sexual intercourse with) his own mother.”

(Sunan, Ibn Majah; Baihaqi)

“Abdullah Ibn Hanzala (ra) reported that the Messenger of Allah said: A dirham (silver coin) of Riba, which a man receives knowingly, is worse than committing adultery thirty-six times. (Ahmad). Baihaqi transmitted it, on the authority of Ibn Abbas (ra), with the addition that the Prophet continued to say: Hell is more fitting for him whose flesh is nourished by what is Haram.”

“Abu Hurairah reported Allah's Messenger as saying: On the night I was taken up to heaven I came upon people whose bellies were like houses which contained snakes which could be seen from outside their bellies. I asked Gabriel who they were and he told me that they were people who had consumed Riba.”

(Musnad, Ahmad; Sunan, Ibn Majah)

“Abu Hurairah (ra) reported that the Prophet said: Allah would be justified in not allowing four persons to enter paradise or to taste its blessings: he who drinks habitually (i.e., drinks alcohol), he who takes Riba, he who usurps an orphan's property without right, and he who is unmindful to his parents.”

(Mustadrak, al-Hakim, ‘Kitab al-Buyu’)

The Prophet (*'alaihi al-Salam*) also reaffirmed the declaration of war from Allah and His Messenger in connection with the prohibition of *Riba* in the following *Hadith*:

“Jabir Ibn Abdullah (ra) said: I heard the Messenger of Allah say: If any one of you does not leave mukhabara he should take notice of war from Allah and His Messenger. Zaid Ibn Thabit said: I asked: What is mukhabarah? He replied: That you have the land for cultivation for a half, a third, or a quarter (of the produce).” (The danger here is that it leads deceptively to slave labour.)

(Sunan, Abu Daud)

It should be clear from the material presented above that the establishment of an economy based on *Riba* is a very great sin indeed. Consequently it most certainly violates the divine conditions for inheritance of the Holy Land.

The Prophet and the collapse of paper money

It is also a matter of absolutely critical importance that Muslims should carefully study the prophecy of the Prophet (*'alaihi al-Salam*) in which he has prophesied the collapse of artificial secular currency (i.e., paper, plastic, and electronic money, etc.):

"Abu Bakr ibn Abi Maryam (ra) reported that he heard the Messenger of Allah say: A time is certainly coming over mankind in which there will be nothing (left) which will be of use (or benefit) save a dinar and a dirham (gold and silver coins)."

(Musnad, Ahmad)

That prophecy of Prophet Muhammad (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) is about to be fulfilled. Today's monetary system uses 'paper' to make 'money'. That is a manifest fraud! Artificial money is quite different from real money. Real money has intrinsic value, while paper money has none. Its only value is that conferred upon it by market forces. Its market value will last only for as long as, and to the extent that, there is public confidence in it and demand for it in the market. Demand is itself based on confidence, and confidence is something that can be manipulated (as Malaysia's Prime Minister has now recognized, and as Indonesia has recognized too late). So long as governments controlled the so-called free-currency markets, they could intervene to protect public confidence. But the currency market is now controlled by the most vicious of all speculative forces, forces fueled by compelling greed with no loyalties. Anything that seriously disturbs market confidence will cause the speculative stampede that will fulfill the prophecy of the Prophet (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*).

The collapse of money in what may best be described as a 'money meltdown', will witness the final success of the European (who became Jews) in their more than a thousand years of struggle for Jewish rule over the whole world. Those who have real money will survive the meltdown, while those speculators who successfully exploit the collapse will make the greatest profits ever. The masses will lose their wealth and be enslaved. They will be caught with worthless paper parading as money. That is the financial holocaust that is certain to occur.

Others as well, beside our blessed Prophet (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*), are now predicting that financial meltdown. Judy Shelton, for example, uses it as the very title of her excellent book entitled: "*Money Meltdown: Restoring Order to the Global Currency System.*" (New York, The Free Press, 1994). We should not forget, nor allow the world to forget, the dramatic, ominous, and unprecedented collapse of the US dollar in January 1980 when the value of the dollar relative to gold fell to approximately \$850 for one ounce! (In 1971 it was \$35 an ounce. Its present 'managed' value is kept within the range of \$280 - \$380 per once.) This collapse of

the dollar took place in the immediate wake of the successful anti-Western Islamic revolution in Iran that gave control of the vast oil resources of Iran to an anti-systemic Islamic government. A similar collapse occurred in 1973 just after the Arab-Israeli war and the imposition of an Arab oil embargo on USA. The US dollar fell in value by a massive 400% from US\$40 for an ounce of gold to US\$160.

In fact the collapse of the International Monetary System would occur when the Jews consider it opportune to bring down the US dollar. They can do that at any time since the US dollar made of paper is manifestly fraudulent since it is essentially worthless. When the US dollar collapses it will bring down all other paper currencies in the world. The major beneficiary of that collapse will be the State of Israel, since it is those who control banks who would now control money. Governments will no longer be able to issue money. Rather it is banks (controlled by Jews) that would now issue plastic (i.e., electronic) money! That money-meltdown will, perhaps, take place when Israel launches its major war against the Arabs and then successfully defies the entire world. That successful display of military and political power together with the new financial control that comes with the collapse of paper-money would deliver to Israel the status of being the *Ruling State* in the world. This writer believes that that event is likely to take place within the next five to ten years or even earlier. Already Israel has successfully defied the President of USA who demanded on several occasions that Israel withdraw her military forces from Palestinian towns she occupied after a wave of Palestinian ‘human bombs’ took a heavy toll of Jewish lives.

What is the reality of the attack of Riba?

The very forces that emerged in contemporary history and made the restoration of the State of Israel possible, are themselves the forces that have penetrated all of mankind with *Riba*. The *Qur'an* identifies those forces as the people of *Y'ajuj* (Gog) and *M'ajuj* (Magog), and the Prophet (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) spoke at length of *Dajjal*, the false Messiah. He declared that the age of *Dajjal* would be the age of the universal prevalence of *Riba*. The outstanding Islamic scholar and sage, Dr. Muhammad Iqbal, startled the Muslim world when he declared, as far back as 1917, that the release of Gog and Magog referred to in the *Qur'an*, had taken place. It is, therefore, crystal clear that the penetration of the *Ummah* by the forces of *Riba* represents an attack by Evil Beings created by Allah Himself. The aim of the attackers is to subject all, including Muslims, to the greatest trial mankind would ever experience from the time of Adam ('*ala'ih al-Salam*) until the Last Day. The aim of the attackers is to utterly deceive the Jews and lead them to their final destruction. At the centerpiece of that attack is the trial of *Riba*! We are now living through that trial. The evidence so far is that a spiritually blind world of Jews is failing miserably in its response to that trial. The Muslim world seems just as blind.

Allah, Most High, wages war against Israel

Allah the Supreme spoke with such forceful language concerning the sin of *Riba* that it is, perhaps, the greatest sin (other than *Shirk*) that exists in the realm of belief or

conduct. Allah's anger against the oppressor (because of the oppression of *Riba*) is so great that they will stand before Him after their resurrection as a people who appear to be driven to madness by the touch of Satan. When the Jewish State of Israel engages in *Riba* then Allah will not simply punish such people in the next life, rather He and His Messenger ('alaihi al-Salam) will wage war against them in this world.

“O ye who believe! Fear Allah, and give up what remains of your demand for usury, if ye are indeed believers. If ye do it not, take notice of war from Allah and His Messenger...”

(*Qur'an, al-Baqarah, 2:278-9*)

This book directs attention to the fact that Jews control the banking system around the world today. Yet the above verse of the Qur'an is indicative of the supreme importance Allah Most High attaches to the prohibition of *Riba*. In the entire history of divine revelation, to the best of my knowledge, Almighty Allah has never used such extremely strong language for anything else besides *Riba*.

After the death of Solomon ('alaihi al-Salam) the Israelites corrupted the Torah by rewriting it several times in several different versions. The Harvard-trained American Biblical scholar, Richard Friedman, has conclusively demonstrated this in his very important work entitled: "*Who Wrote the Bible?*" (New York: Harper and Row, 1989). The Israelites removed all references in the Torah to the temple (or *masjid*) built by Abraham ('alaihi al-Salam) and Ishmael ('alaihi al-Salam) in Arabia. The *Ka'aba* and the *Hajj* are no longer to be found in the Torah. They also substituted all references to Ishmael ('alaihi al-Salam) as the son of the sacrifice with the name of his brother Isaac ('alaihi al-Salam), even though Isaac ('alaihi al-Salam) was not even born when the trial of the sacrifice took place. In addition, the child of the sacrifice was described by Allah in the *Qur'an* as *Haleem* (patient and forbearing) (*Saffat*, 37:101), whereas the son to be born to Sarah was described as *Aleem* (wise) (*al-Hijr*, 15:53). They substituted Arabia with Palestine as the place of the sacrifice. *Zam Zam*, the miraculous spring of water that sprang from the desert sand when Gabriel ('alaihi al-Salam) rubbed his heel on the sand, now became a well in Palestine. They demonized Ishmael ('alaihi al-Salam) in the Torah as "*a wild ass of a man*" and excluded him from Allah's covenant so that they could claim exclusive title to being the 'chosen people' of Allah. Most dangerous of all, however, was their corruption and willful distortion of the divine prohibition against *Riba*. They rewrote the Torah to make it permissible for money to be lent on interest to non-believers while maintaining the prohibition against *Riba* in intra-Israelite transactions (*Deuteronomy*, 23:20-21).

Allah the Almighty responded to this heinous crime by sending against them one of His creatures who possessed mighty prowess. The Babylonian King, Nebuchadnezzar, overran Palestine, defeated the Israelites, enslaved all those whom he captured, destroyed the State of Israel and *Masjid al-Aqsa* (which had been built by Solomon), and transported the Israelites as slaves back to Babylon (*al-Isra*, 17:4,5). This was most certainly a powerful demonstration of Allah's capacity to wage war.

There was a second demonstration when the Roman Emperor, Titus, ravaged Jerusalem and destroyed the temple (or *masjid*) a second time (*al-Isra*, 17:7, 104). This, also, was related to *Riba*. Allah had sent three Prophets, Zakariah ('alaihi al-Salam), John ('alaihi al-Salam), and Jesus ('alaihi al-Salam), to the Israelites. That part of the

Israelites who rejected these Prophets became known as Jews (*al-Yahood*). The Jews murdered Zakariah ('alaihi al-Salam) inside of *Masjid al-Aqsa* (*Matthew*, 24:35, 36; *Luke*, 11:51). John ('alaihi al-Salam) was beheaded by way of deception. And, finally, the Jews boasted of how they had killed Jesus ('alaihi al-Salam). In all three instances the Prophets of Allah had attacked them and denounced them for their wickedness. This included their denunciation of the Jews for the crime of changing the Torah and for consuming *Riba*. Jesus ('alaihi al-Salam), for example, went into *Masjid al-Aqsa* and found them engaged in *Riba*. He cursed them, turned over their tables, chased them out of the temple (*Masjid*) and declared: "*You have taken the house of Allah and transformed it into a den of thieves.*" Thus it was because the Prophets of Allah exposed their wickedness of consuming *Riba*, among other crimes, that they killed them (except for Jesus, whom Allah saved miraculously). Allah Most High responded to this wickedness by sending a Roman army that destroyed the State of Israel for a second time. (It will be destroyed for a last time by a Muslim army led by *Imam al-Mahdi*.)

The warning of a declaration of war from Allah Most High for the consumption of *Riba*, assumes even greater importance when we reflect over the fact that Allah Most High intervened to protect the first *Masjid* (i.e., *Ka'aba*) when Abraha came with his army of elephants to destroy it (*Qur'an*, *al-Fil*, 105:1-5). Even when the *Ka'aba* was filled with idols, Allah Most High still intervened to save it from destruction. And yet, even though there were no idols in the second *Masjid* (i.e., *Masjid al-Aqsa*), Allah Most High twice sent armies to destroy it. Such is the state of Divine anger over the oppression caused by *Riba*.

The dire warning for the Jews is that the *Shirk* of the secular State of Israel and the *Riba* in its economic life both manifestly violate the divine conditions for inheritance of the Holy Land. The consequence of such violation is that Allah Most High would respond by punishing them.

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JERUSALEM IN THE QUR'AN

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PART TWO

Chapter 3

CONCLUSION

“Had We sent this as a Qur'an (in a language) other than Arabic, they would have said: Why are not its verses explained in detail (in a language, which we could understand)? How strange it is that the book is in a foreign language while the one who brought the book is an Arab. Say: This book is a guide and a healing to those who believe; but for those who believe not in it, there is a deafness in their ears, and it is blindness in their (eyes): they are (as it were) being called from a place far distant!”

(Qur'an, Fussilat, 41:44)

It is now time for us to conclude with a brief restatement of the main points made in this book. They are as follows. The strange revolutionary change that transformed Europe from a pagan to a very largely Christian but also with a small and influential Jewish society, eventually gave way to an even stranger revolutionary change which resulted in that same European people now becoming essentially godless. In the process of becoming a Christian and a Jew the modern largely godless White Man subverted both Christianity and Judaism, respectively, and destroyed whatever was left in these revealed religions that was still sacred.

The modern secular White Man and his brown, yellow and black-skinned ‘mimic-men’ are now attempting to do with Islam what had previously been accomplished with Judaism and Christianity. That is the fundamental explanation for the 1000-year-old war on Islam that was unleashed with the greatest fury after September 11th. Muslims are now being subjected to a sophisticated and comprehensive effort to so rethink *Islam* and to so modify their religion that it can be accommodated within the new universal global godless society. A new cosmetic version of Islam must emerge which would accept the Jews as rulers of the world and accept the State of Israel as the *Ruling State* of the world. This must perforce be an Islam that would be devoid of all notions of *Jihad*.

Muslims are being told that the values of the new global society are indeed universal values of pure Islam. But the new global society and its cosmopolitan elite are the product of secular western civilization and it shares the values of that godless civilization. Among those values are the political *Shirk* that has now embraced all of mankind in its deadly embrace, and the economic *Riba* of the modern economy whose embrace of mankind has brought a new economic slavery.

Godless western civilization made possible the establishment of both the Jewish State of Israel, and the *Saudi-Wahhabi* State of Saudi Arabia, and it is that civilization which has ensured the survival of both Israel and Saudi Arabia from their birth to the present. This is the *key* with which Muslims can seek to understand the world today. Neither of these phenomena can be explained without the Qur'an. The Qur'anic explanation that has emerged as the very core of this book is that the world is now in the control of *Y'ajuj* and *M'ajuj* as well *Dajjal*, the False Messiah.

Prophet Muhammad (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) explained the purpose of a Divine Plan in which the Jews (i.e. the Israelite Jews) were expelled from the Holy Land after their rejection of the Messiah, the son of the Virgin Mary, and their attempt to crucify him. Allah, Most Merciful, then gave them a certain period of time in which to seek His mercy ("It may be that your Lord may (yet) have mercy on you." *Qur'an, Banu Israil, 17:8*), and He left only one door open for them through which they could earn mercy. That door (to mercy) was the one last Prophet who was still to come. He was Muhammad (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*), the Prophet of Allah, Most High. The Jews would have to believe in him and follow him, honor him and assist him in order to win divine mercy (*Qur'an, al-'Araf, 7:157*).

If the Israelite Jews were to reject Muhammad (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*), the implication would be that the door for divine mercy would be closed, and that when the final count-down of the Last Age came, Allah Most High would bring them back to the scene of their greatest crimes, i.e., the Holy Land (*Qur'an, Banu Israil, 17:104*). That Jewish return to the Holy Land would signify that their final divine punishment had commenced. This book has declared that such moment has arrived! The period of seventeen months commencing after the arrival of Prophet Muhammad (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) in Madina was the most crucially important in all of Jewish history. The door to Divine Mercy was open. When it became absolutely clear at the end of seventeen months that the Jews had not only rejected Muhammad (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) but were conspiring to destroy Islam, Allah Most High decreed the change in *Qiblah* and this implied that the door to Divine Mercy was now shut for the Jews. Never again would they ever qualify for inheriting the Holy Land. Instead it is Muslims who have now been bestowed that inheritance:

"It is He Who has made you (the Muslims) inheritors of the (Holy) Land (after the Jews): He has raised some of you by degrees above others that He might test you through that which He bestowed upon you (Banu Israil got more than any other people): for thy Lord is swift in punishment: yet He is indeed Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful."

(Qur'an, al-An'am, 6:165)

It was at this point in time, i.e., after the change in *Qiblah* and before the death of the Prophet (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) that the release of *Dajjal* and of *Y'ajuj* and *M'ajuj*

took place. Only ‘one-eyed’ Muslims would now join with Jews to participate in ‘Inter-faith’ services and joint prayer sessions. This is because Jews have now been brought back to the Holy Land to face the consequences of many evil deeds of theirs, including the evil that they now commit. At the top of that list is their betrayal of their Covenant with Allah Most High.

Jews already recognize that Allah Most High has punished them many times before. This book has explained the Islamic view that history cannot end before the Jews receive their final punishment. Prophet Muhammad (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) has provided crucially important information on the subject, to wit: that a Muslim army would conquer Jerusalem, destroy the impostor State of Israel and punish the Jews. The followers of Prophet Muhammad (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) would thus liberate the Holy Land. Here, once more, is the prophecy of Prophet Muhammad (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*) to that effect:

“Abu Hurairah reported that the Prophet said: Black banners shall emerge from Khorasan (i.e., area which is now included in Afghanistan, Pakistan and a little in Iran and Central Asia), and no force would be able to stop them until they are inserted in Aelia (Jerusalem).”

(Sunan, Tirmidhi)

This is why ‘*Jerusalem in the Qur'an*’ should be read again and again, and why it should lead every reader to a penetrating study of the *Qur'an* and to the explanations of the *Qur'an* that were given by Prophet Muhammad (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*). He spoke at length about Jerusalem and its role in the Last Age. Among the things that he said were the following:

“Narrated Auf bin Malik: I went to the Prophet during the Ghazwa of Tabuk while he was sitting in a leather tent. He said: Count six signs that indicate the approach of the Hour: my death, the conquest of Jerusalem, a plague that will afflict you (and kill you in great numbers) as the plague that afflicts sheep, the increase of wealth to such an extent that even if one is given one hundred Dinars, he will not be satisfied; then an affliction which no Arab house will escape, and then a truce between you and Bani al-Asfar (i.e. the Byzantines) who will betray you and attack you under eighty flags. Under each flag will be twelve thousand soldiers.”

(Sahih Bukhari)

“Narrated Abu Hurairah: Allah's Messenger said: The Last Hour would not come unless the Muslims fight against the Jews. The Muslims would kill them until the Jews would hide themselves behind a stone or a tree, and a stone or a tree would say: Muslim, or the servant of Allah, there is a Jew behind me; come and kill him; but the tree Gharqad would not say (such), for it is the tree of the Jews.”

(Sahih Muslim)

Perhaps for the first time in history a war is being fought with ‘stones’. The Palestinian Muslim *intifada* (uprising) continues to deliver its response to Israeli oppression with ‘stones’. That is a truly ominous sign for Israel. In addition, Israel has engaged in the indiscriminate destruction of ‘trees’ in the Holy Land. Thousands of olive trees have already been destroyed by Israel in a diabolical effort to increase the economic hardship being imposed upon the Palestinian people, Muslim as well as Christian. The outrage against these acts of *Fasad* (awesome oppression and wickedness) is such that *the ‘trees’ and ‘stones’ in the Holy Land are now beginning to ‘speak’* in fulfillment of the prophecy of the Prophet (*sallalahu ‘alaihi wa sallam*). Of course the trees and stones cannot be heard with the external ears. Rather, it is with the internal hearing faculty in the heart of those who possess faith (*Iman*) that one will hear the ‘trees’ and ‘stones’ when they speak! That, perhaps, explains why the Saudi, Egyptian, Turkish, Jordanian and Pakistani Governments, as well as so many other governments around the world, appear unable to hear the stones speaking in the Holy Land!

Our view is that the above prophecy of Prophet Muhammad (*sallalahu ‘alaihi wa sallam*) is already being fulfilled today in the Palestinian *intifada*. As time now passes the stones will speak louder and louder. Only those who are spiritually deaf and dead will fail to hear them. If the very stones are now crying out to Muslims everywhere in the world to liberate the Holy Land from Jewish occupation and oppression, the implication is that Muslims should mobilize themselves and devote all their efforts and all their resources for that struggle; and that struggle be given precedence over such mundane goals as, for example, raising the standard of living of a people who are already living comfortably. It follows quite logically that Muslims cannot reside in territories where the war against *Islam* and support for Israel are most pronounced. Such would be USA, Britain, etc. Muslims must migrate from such territories and go to reside in places where they can better preserve their faith and support the struggle for the liberation of the Holy Land. The world is increasingly being forced to recognize the oppression created and sustained by Israel, an oppression that will constantly increase until, according to the prophecy of Prophet Muhammad (*‘alaihi al-Salam*):

“ a man would pass by a grave and roll on it saying: I wish I were in the grave (instead of the dead man), not for religious reasons but because of oppression”

(Sahih, Muslim)

Perhaps the most important warning that this book gives is that every tomorrow will now witness increased oppression of those Muslims who remain faithful to Islam. Indeed since September 11th the oppression of such Muslims has dramatically intensified all around the world. Muslims are now living through the ‘mother of all trials’. The present *Ruling State* in the world (USA) is leading an effort to make the world safe for the next *Ruling State* (Israel)!

The guidance that the Qur'an provides in *Surah al-Kahf* is the only guidance with which Muslims can hope to survive this wicked storm. The only guide who can successfully guide Muslims in this age is the guide who understands the age in which

we now live and whose understanding is derived from the *Qur'an* and the *Ahadith* of the blessed Prophet Muhammad (*sallalahu 'alaihi wa sallam*). Such a guide would understand the *Shirk* of the modern secular State and its system of electoral politics and he would advise Muslims to abstain from that *Shirk* by not pledging allegiance to a secular constitution. He would also understand the *Riba* of the modern economy and advise Muslims to abstain from all forms of *Riba* to the maximum extent that is possible for them. He would recognize ‘paper money’ to be *Haram* and would be taking steps to encourage Muslims to return to the use of gold and silver coins as money which can be used in the market as legal tender. (It is unlikely that the ‘International Jew’ would allow the Government of Malaysia to reintroduce gold and silver coins as ‘legal tender’.)

The guide would recognize and warn his people about the *back-door Riba* now being practiced by Islamic Banks, Credit Unions and other financial institutions. Such a guide would declare this to be the age of *Y'ajuj* and *M'ajuj* and of *Dajjal*, the False Messiah. All others are just ‘whistling in the wind’.

My book entitled *Surah al-Kahf and the Modern Age*, which is now being written, will, *Insha Allah*, attempt to explain the guidance which that *Surah* of the *Qur'an* provides. At the very heart of that guidance is the imperative of disconnecting from the godless cities of the modern world and moving to the countryside where land is cheap and where there is water. Muslim villages should then be established in such locations and then an attempt be made to establish Islam as the way of life of the villages. The work of my teacher, Maulana Dr. Muhammad Fadlur Rahman Ansari, entitled ‘*The Qur'anic Foundations and Structure of Muslim Society*’ is a blueprint for survival since it provides the specific guidance of the *Qur'an* that must be applied in the establishment of authentic Islam in such Muslim villages. It is from children who grow up in Muslim villages that are disconnected from the godless world that the future Muslim army would emerge which would liberate the Holy Land.

(This book can be ordered from Islamic Book Trust at ibtkl@pd.jaring.my)